



Fernhill
Primary School

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Our Mission: Together we inspire a lifelong love of learning which enables children to achieve more than they ever believed possible

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Spring 4

Celebrate your learning!

We would love to share the great learning you are doing at home. Please send photos of things that you have done or projects you have made to the school email address and we'll share them on our Facebook and webpages.



Great effort Charlie!

Charlie is very proud of the alien sock puppets he made! They look fantastic and Mrs Griffiths said they are "Brilliant!"



Dear Families,

This newsletter comes filled with hope:

- Hope that it finds you all safe and well
- Hope that the first week of home schooling has gone well
- And hope that, although it's not under the best of circumstances, as we're unlikely (hopefully) to ever get such an extended period of down time with families again, you are enjoying your time together

Teachers will still be setting work for children to do at home via Marvellous Me and our school website but we are aware printing is not always possible so, moving forward, we will be suggesting activities and games rather than providing worksheets. Please don't put yourself under pressure. This is going to be a marathon...not a sprint....don't try to do too much.

If you read with and to your children for 10 to 15 minutes each day, practice spellings and number facts and/or times tables, you're doing great.

But....the best thing you can do, is talk to your children. Talk about books that you are reading together, talk about what happens to the mixture when you bake a cake, about the changes we see around us such as the green shoots appearing in trees. Talk about the earthworms and mini beasts in the garden or about different types of clouds in the sky. Talk about how long 5 minutes is or how many steps does it take to cover 2 metres or how many teaspoons of water fill a cup or why are capital cities often next to a river?

Oh... and play games.... think of all the maths in Yahtzee or monopoly or a game of cards. Even snakes and ladders is a 100 square! Not a worksheet or screen in sight. You'll find some more ideas and a suggested timetable on the next page plus links to useful websites.

If you have any questions—big or small - please email. Although school is closed, the adminoffice@fernhill.kite.academy email address is checked regularly and we'll do our best to answer as soon as possible.

























Please take care of yourselves and I very much hope to see you all again soon.

Nicky Slater
Fernhill Primary Academy

Key Workers

We are able to provide child care places for children of Key Workers at The Grove Primary School. Please see the school website with details of how to book for the coming week and over the Easter Holiday period. To book a place at Fernhill Senior School, please email the school office.

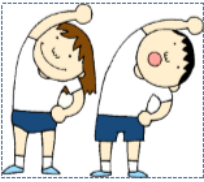





Home Learning Schedule

 8:00	 breakfast	 2:00	 learning time
 9:00	 exercise	 3:00	 life skills
 10:00	 shower / hygiene	 4:00	 tech time
 11:00	 learning time	 5:00	 dinner
 12:00	 lunch	 6:00	 quiet activity
 1:00	 free time	 7:00	 bedtime

Breezy Special Ed

These are extraordinary times, so encourage children to document what's going on in their lives. A daily journal helps kids keep track of not just day-to-day events but their thoughts and feelings about it as well. If that's not your child's thing, suggest that they write out a skit or short fiction story.

Your home is filled with opportunities to practice maths skills, if you know where to look. Planning the food shopping? Give kids a budget and let them help figure out what you can buy. Or turn a set of stairs into times-tables practice by letting kids climb while calling out multiples for each step. For instance, the first time is by twos, then by threes, then by fours.

Activity	Suggested time	Activity	Suggested time
PE with Joe Wicks 	30 minutes	Writing/ Grammar 	30 minutes
Spelling/ Handwriting 	15/20 minutes	Times Table Rock Stars/ Numbots, 	15/20 minutes
Reading 	15/20 minutes	Maths 	30 minutes

Suggested Websites

Thank you Miss Ayre for compiling the list ☺

Reading

David Walliams Elevenes – Free Audio Stories at 11 am each day www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/

Free or low-cost websites to support reading
www.weareteachers.com/best-reading-websites/

Reading ebooks – World Book Online have made their ebooks and audio books free for all children to access at home worldbook.kitaboo.com/reader/worldbook/index.html#!/

Reading and writing free resources
www.readingwise.com/coronavirus-support

Phonics

Daily phonics sessions taught by Ruth Miskin
Each film will be available for 24 hours via Facebook and on YouTube.

Speed Sounds Set 1 – 9.30 am (GMT)

Speed Sounds Set 2 – 10.00 am

Speed Sounds Set 3 – 10.30 am

www.facebook.com/453100891469025/posts/2591428697636223/?d=n

Writing ideas

www.harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/2019/01/25/worlds-worst-children-2-teaching-resources/

www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/free-resources
www.literacyshed.com/home.html

STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities)

www.dailystem.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/77-MORE-STEM-activities-for-Families.pdf

<http://dailystem.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Super-STEM-Movies-vol-1.pdf>

Free Resources:

www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub

Active & well being

PE with Joe Wicks

Monday- Friday 9am Live workout 'PE With Joe' on his YouTube channel 'The Body CoachTV'.

www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html

Yoga sessions for children

www.cosmickids.com

Parent and child Yoga sessions

www.facebook.com/events/1119011158565982

PE for younger children

www.youtube.com/channel/UCnJew7ALMmVSY5JmtAjpHhQ

Fun Things to Keep You Busy

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/get-involved/activities-to-do-at-home-and-online/non-validated-activities-to-do-at-home-or-online/

www.weareteachers.com/things-to-do-during-covid/?utm_content=1584460940&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

Maths

www.iseemaths.com
www.trockstars.com
www.ictgames.com
www.topmarks.co.uk

Art/ DT activities

Hobby Craft – Daily kids craft club 11 am on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Art lessons with Mo Willems live every weekday at 1 pm

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmzjCPQv3y8

A few more suggestions (courtesy of The Guardian Newspaper)

www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/mar/29/learning-apps-for-stir-crazy-kids-while-schools-are-closed?



Khan Academy Kids

([Android](#)/[Apple](#)/[Amazon](#) - free)

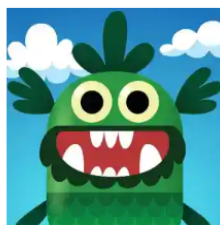
Khan Academy is a free collection of education courses for all ages, but it has an app specifically for two to seven-year-old children that focuses on maths, reading and social and emotional skills. It has a large and growing archive of learning videos, digital books and simple but engaging exercises.



For younger children Go Explore from CBeebies

([Android](#)/[Apple](#)/[Amazon](#) - free)

The entire range of the BBC's CBeebies apps will be getting heavy usage in the coming weeks, clearly. They're all good, but this is the one focused on learning games, from phonics and geography to feelings and self-care, all based on the parent channel's shows and characters.



Teach Your Monster to Read

([Android](#)/[Apple](#)/[Amazon](#) - free)

This usually costs £4.99, but has been made free owing to the school disruption. No matter how you feel after a couple of days of home-schooling, the titular monster isn't your child. Instead, this gets children to create a monster and then teach it to read - a great way of learning themselves.



Google Arts & Culture

([Android](#)/[Apple](#) - free)

Field trips and museum visits may be out of bounds for a while, but Google's Arts & Culture app at least has virtual tours of more than 1,200 museums and galleries. Children can look and read as well as curate their own lists of favourite artworks to share.



YouTube Kids

([Android](#)/[Apple](#) - free)

After a rocky start when some non-child-friendly videos made it through the filters, YouTube has worked hard to make its official children's app something parents can trust. It includes a dedicated learning category collecting great videos about science, nature, space and other topics.



Scratch Jr

([Android](#)/[Apple](#)/[Amazon](#) - free)

Scratch is the programming environment that a lot of children will be familiar with already from school. Scratch Jr is an app version designed for five to seven-year-olds, although older children can have fun with it, too. It uses coding blocks to create programs for games, animation, music and other creative tasks.