Primary 3 & 4 Term 3 Newsletter

I trust you have had an enjoyable Easter break and are ready to get back into Learning at Home. Your Home Learning Pack has enough work to last you through Term 3 up until the end of June (taking the normal school Holidays as breaks). Please continue to use the Home Learning Pack Guide provided on the last day of school to help you plan your days. Please don’t do any more than necessary, as this will leave you short of work towards the end of Term 3.

**Linguistic Phonics**

Linguisitic Phonics sounds should be learned as outlined below:

Week Beginning:

20th April 2020 - No sound. Please ensure all sounds are completed in Term 2b Booklet

27th April 2020 - ay sound

4th May 2020 - er sound

11th May 2020 - oo sound

18th May 2020 - igh sound

25th May 2020 – ee sound

1st June 2020 – Summer Words

8th June 2020 – Revision of Term 3 words

**Reading**

**Oxford Owl Reading**

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Information was sent home which explained how to use Oxford Owl to keep up with reading practice at home. Please continue to read the books at the colour band level your child was given. When your child has read all of the books available in that level, they can start to read the books in the next colour band level.

For those that have not used this resource yet look for the section at the top of the home page ‘Free eBooks for ages 3-11’. You will need to register for free and create an account to access. There are approximately 8 books within each colour band.

If you find that your child has read all the books in a colour band and the books in the next colour band are too difficult there are a range of books on another website, which produces the Big Cat Reading Scheme.

[www.connect.collins.co.uk/school/portal.aspx](http://www.connect.collins.co.uk/school/portal.aspx)

Click on the **teacher** portal and enter:

**Username**: [parents@harpercollins.co.uk](mailto:parents@harpercollins.co.uk)

**Password**: Parents20!

and click **Login**. Click on the **Big Cat E-books section** and click on the book band colour your child was assigned. White/silver is the same book band colour, some schemes use white while others use silver. Children that are reading books in chapters will be able to read the Lime Big Cat E-books.

**Nessy**

A small number of pupils in Primary 3 that used this program in school can continue to use this at home. You will need the secret word to access this, please email me and I can send you this. <https://learn.nessy.com/account/login#/accountLogin>

**Other reading materials**

**NI Libraries Service Online**

1. Download and install ‘Overdrive’
2. Log into libraries.org.uk
3. Go to e-books (you will need your library card number and a PIN – usually the last 4 digits of the number below the bar code on your library card)

Additionally, your child can continue to read books from their own collection at home e.g favourite books, books by a favourite author, book in series e.g Rainbow Magic, Horrid Henry etc.

**RM Easimaths (P4 Pupils)**

Pupils should log on and complete sessions regularly through the week. I will monitor progress online. Pupils earn certificates through completing the maths activities successfully and highlights areas they are finding difficult.If you have any trouble logging on, please contact me via e-mail.

**Useful Websites**

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) – hit the button and daily 10

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons) - Useful resource if you run out of work!!

[www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) (enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS)

[www.teachingtables.co.uk](http://www.teachingtables.co.uk) (P4’s especially. P3’s useful for revising 2, 5 and 10 times tables)

[www.mathszone.co.uk/](http://www.mathszone.co.uk/)

[www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm](http://www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm)

[www.ictgames.com/resources.html](http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html)

**Daily Mile**

Please continue to keep active – take daily opportunities to exercise whether this is going for a walk (social Distancing of course!), playing games/sports with family members or take part in your own ‘Daily Mile’ session around your house/ garden.

* Max Whitlock’s Gymnastics workouts- on YouTube through Max Whitlock Facebook. These were a series of live work outs but have stopped for the time being but can be viewed at any time. (Might be useful for all the little gymnasts in P3&4!!)
* PE with Joe Wicks (The Body Coach) daily PE sessions on YouTube at 9am each morning.

**Assemblies**

**Hope for Youth Ministries** hold live school assemblies which you can access at home on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11 am. The lessons are filmed in Bible Club format with choruses, memory verses, Bible lesson, Quiz, Worksheets (with prizes available). Type **Hope for Youth Ministries** into Facebook or YouTube if you are interested in accessing these.

I hope this newsletter will provide some useful information that will enable you to continue with your Home Learning program. I trust and pray that you will all continue to stay safe and well!

Kind Regards,

Mrs L McMullan