



Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you are well and had a wonderful break. Welcome to the Spring Term like no other! As I'm sure you are aware that for most children, the school will be providing online learning up until the 18th January. The Government is reviewing this and as soon as we are informed of any changes, we shall let you know. With that said, the team are excited to be delivering online learning with live teaching sessions. All staff are determined to ensure that your child continues to get the best teaching and learning possible. The Spring Curriculum Map is attached.

Please ensure if you have not done so already, to make sure you are signed up to Class Dojo, Microsoft teams and Seesaw to access the teaching and learning. If you are having any difficulties in doing so, you can easily communicate with the teachers through either one of these platforms or email adminlgr@leopold.brent.sch.uk. Your email will then be forwarded to the correct member of staff to assist.

With the education community providing a myriad of resources there are plenty to find online, however please ensure you are checking the school's page where resources are updated and added to. <http://www.leopoldprimary.co.uk/resources-online-activities/>.

The term will once again bring new challenges and exciting opportunities for all children. It is important that during this time we take a moment to reflect and take care of each other's wellbeing. Below are a few tips to support you.

Supporting learning at home

With schools now closed, you'll be worrying about how your child is going to keep up with their learning. We know that everyone's situation is different and you're already doing the most important job by supporting your children through what's an uncertain time for them.

Remember, they're learning all the time from all the things you do together.

If you're looking for ways to support them further in their learning, we've come up with some tips to get you started...

Set up a space

Learning can happen anywhere. However, if you can, you might find it helps to set up a separate space for your child where they can focus on tasks. It also makes it easier to keep everything from school in one place, so nothing goes missing.

Try a structure

It can be helpful to try to structure the day, so that you all make the most of your time together and keep on top of everything else you need to do. Routines help children feel secure as they come to know what is happening and what will happen next. If it's helpful, you might want to make a timetable together.

Flexible home working

We know that many of you will be balancing working with looking after the children, home learning and looking after the house... superhero capes at the ready! If you are working from home, it is probably going to be easier if you can be flexible about your hours.

Take time out

It's important for both you and your child to have time to relax and time to move. So, make sure you have regular breaks for playing, relaxing and exercising. There will be times when you and your children maybe struggling. When that happens, try to stop and do something fun. Remember, everyday life, fun, playing and talking are important for learning too.

Tap into their interests

No doubt there will be times when it will be difficult to get them motivated. If they are losing interest, try to think about things they like. If you follow their lead and join in, they'll be more motivated to keep going. Love LEGO? There are loads of great YouTube videos on how playing with LEGO helps you to learn maths and building skills. Kids love helping: if they're interested in cooking, get them to help you make a meal.

Let them be the teacher

If you have more than one child, or even if they are getting restless, it can be a good idea to let them be the teacher for a while. Get them to help you 'learn' your times tables. Just don't forget to get some answers wrong. This will give them a chance to correct you, which will help boost their confidence.

Change is difficult

We are living in very unusual times and this will be a big change for you both. So, don't be hard on yourselves. It's probably a good idea to talk to them about how different it is. Ask them how they are finding it and make sure you take some time to listen to any worries they have.

Praise effort

This will all be as strange to them as it is to you. Make sure and reassure them and let them know they're doing a good job! Try not to get caught up in trying to correct all their mistakes. Instead, make sure you are pointing out all their hard work.

Staying positive

We know this will be very difficult but we're all in this together. This is new for everyone, so try to remember, you are doing a fantastic job.

Stay connected

It's important that you both try to stay connected with family and friends, make sure you have regular contact by phone or video chat.

Staff

The adults working within the classes are as follows:

Holly: Ms Damiri and Ms Tailor.

Cherry: Ms Vatra and Ms Ozzie

Times Tables: Children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Many thanks for all your hard work and continued support. Any questions don't hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2 Team.

Kind Regards

Year 1 Team