



GHPS Update

Monday 20th April

Dear Families,

Welcome back to what is normally the start of our Summer term. I want to start by thanking you all for whatever you have managed to achieve so far whilst supporting your children's learning at home. Every family has its own unique circumstances and whatever they are I am sure you have done your best in these strange times. I know many of you will be worrying about your child falling behind, but please remember you are almost certainly already doing your best to help your child keep learning at home and for now that is all you can do.

All our teachers have been working hard to produce a learning programme for you to follow and the details of that are below along with fantastic online lessons for our younger children to keep up with their daily phonics. We are also including links to the BBC's new schooling programme and a new service of resources from the new national Oak Academy.

From the children I have spoken to I know how much they are missing their friends and teachers but I also know how adaptable and resilient our children can be in times of difficulty. Please remember that all the children across the UK are in the same situation and most families are trying to juggle work and home commitments but we will get through this and we will all meet again.

There is some very useful information to help families come in a lock down in the link below:
https://www.berkshirerwestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/assets/1/coping_family_bw_1.2.pdf.

Keep going, keep strong and positive ..., but mostly keep safe

Warm wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Ferris".

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Online Learning Resources

During the Easter break, we have been working on updating the learning resources on our website. There are new activities for each year group, covering various aspects of our creative curriculum. We hope that you will find these useful and we will be adding more in the weeks to come. The website has been organised in such a way that you should be able to clearly see where the new tasks are located and when they have been uploaded. All our learning resources are in the Pupils section, on the [Year Group Pages](#). Children in Years 5&6 will also continue to use Google Classroom for their home learning, if you have not yet signed up for this resource, please email the school office for more information.

Children in Reception and KS1 who are using the Read Write Inc. Phonics program can access lessons direct from Ruth Miskin online daily via their YouTube channel. Please visit <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en> for more information.

In addition to the bespoke GHPS resources and lessons, we would like to recommend two other great websites to help you support your children with their home learning.

The Oak Academy (www.thenational.academy) and BBC Bitesize (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons) are both launching new daily learning schedules today and will include tasks for children of all ages.

You will also soon be receiving an update letter from your child's teachers, there will be a different one for each year group for you to share with the children. Please also do remember to keep using [Bug Club](#) and [Mathletics](#) to support the children's continued learning.

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