

Home Learning for Year 6 at BPS from 1st June – 19th June

As you will no doubt be aware, since the school closed its doors to most pupils on March 20th, it has remained open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. It has since been announced that from 1st June, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are now able to return to school. This proposed home learning plan will run for three weeks as we are expecting possible changes to the guidance from the 22nd June.

To accommodate the return of these pupils in the smaller groups (as specified in the government guidance), all teachers who are not clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable will now be back in school. Even though the majority of children from Years 2-5 won't be in school, their teachers have had to be reallocated to teach groups elsewhere in the school.

Because of this, the way in which we distribute our home learning will have to change but it will not stop. As very few Year 6 children won't be returning, the home learning activities will be slightly different to the remainder of the school.

Your child will still receive five literacy activities, five numeracy activities and five topic-based activities of some kind. However, they will now all be sent in one email on a Sunday night rather than on a daily basis. This will allow you to tailor the week to suit your needs. For example, you may decide to choose one literacy, numeracy and topic activity per day as you've been doing over the last two months. Alternatively, you may decide to have a literacy day, a numeracy day, a topic day and then two days without any school-centred home learning! It is entirely up to you.

Literacy Home Learning (Year 6)

Where possible, the literacy lessons for home learning will link with those in school. They will not be working from the Talk For Writing booklets that the other year groups will be using.

Maths Home Learning (Year 6)

The maths home learning will be set using the Oak National Academy or BBC online lessons, as recommended in the government guidance for home learning.

Topic Home Learning

Topic work will again be linked to the work that is happening in school, where possible! Our topic for this half term is Mary Poppins and this will be the focus for the majority of the work. We will be trying to organise some transition activities for our home learners but these can't always be the same as those in school. We will not be sending SRE-linked work home.

End of the Day books

Children from Year Six will be starting a new book which will be available in class and on YouTube.

If teachers are back in the classroom, will they still be able to respond to Home Learners?

At BPS, we are proud of the relationships that we have within our community and we do not wish to jeopardise this. Sadly, however, we also cannot add any extra hours onto the current 24-hour day!

We still want to hear all about the learning that is continuing at home and encourage you to send in work and messages as you have done since lockdown began. However, please be patient with our responses. Teachers will reply as soon as they possibly can but it may be that the response is not for a few days or is from another teacher within their key stage.

It is unlikely that we will be able to respond immediately to any home learning-based problems you may have but we will provide an 'emergency' home learning contact who will **try** to respond within the same school day, where possible.

What happens after 19th June?

Current government guidance suggests that all primary school children will be returning to school in some format before the end of the Summer Term. However, as there are still many unanswered questions regarding this (and even for the return of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on the 1st June), we are unable to commit to any plans or proposals at this time. We will, of course, be in touch about this as soon as it is appropriate.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for the continued support and patience during this time. If you have any questions regarding the adapted format of home learning from 1st June, please feel free to get in touch with Miss Bradley abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk.

If your query relates to Key Worker children, please get in touch with Mrs Bennett at jbennett@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk.

