

Home Learning 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.

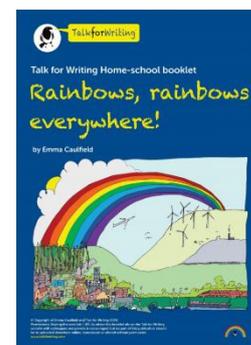
To accommodate the return of these pupils in the smaller groups (as specified in the government guidance), all teachers who are not clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable will now be back in school. Even though the majority of children from Years 2-5 won't be in school, their teachers 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. The following guidance is for children from Reception to Year Five. There are very few children not planning to return to Year Six, therefore their guidance will be sent out directly as the format will not be the same way as the rest 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 or Tapestry message 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 (Reception – Year 5)

As a school, we follow the Talk For Writing scheme to help the children with their literacy work. This will now be the basis of all literacy activities for the next three weeks. All children from Reception to Year 5 will be given a year-group specific booklet of activities to complete, which will be set by their class teacher in the weekly guidance. These booklets are only available to send electronically as PDFs and will need to be written on. We appreciate that many people are unable to print off work at home and so these booklets will be **available to pick up from BPS on Friday 29th May**. You'll find further instructions for this below. For children in Years 2-6, Accelerated Reader will continue as it is at the moment.



Maths Home Learning (Reception – Year 5)

For children in Reception, a group of tasks will be sent each week from Mathematics Mastery, as in previous weeks. For the remainder of the school, maths learning will still be courtesy of Maths No Problem, primarily. To avoid sending reams of attachments from the textbooks, parents can now register on the MNP website which gives them full access to the support available which gives step by step guidance to all lessons. The links to the specific pages will be sent by teachers in the weekly plan, however parents will need to register to view them. Please see the information below regarding how to do so.



Topic Home Learning

Topic work may consist of themed weeks or specific curriculum lessons and will be set by teachers from your child's year group. Where possible, for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, it will link to work that the children are doing in school.



End of the Day books

Reception and Year One will be able to watch an end of the day book in class and on Tapestry, when possible.

Children in Year Two will be starting a new book together on YouTube.

Children in Years Three and Four will be starting a new book together on YouTube.

Year Five will be able to continue watching Beetle Boy on YouTube.

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



What do parents of children in Reception to Year 5 need to do next, to help with Home Learning?

On **Friday, 29th May**, we're asking parents to come to school to pick up their new child's new literacy home learning pack from the lay-by. If you are able to print yours off at home and would rather not visit school, we will also email the PDF to you on Sunday, 31st May along with the first weekly plan. If your child is a key worker, they will be able to pick up their Talk for Writing booklet when they are next in school, if you are unable to collect it on Friday 29th.

To ensure that the lay-by does not become congested and to allow for social distancing measures to be followed, please try to arrive during the time slots below if possible. Obviously, if you have more than one child, you can collect them at the same time.

Friday 29th May – Literacy Pack Pick-Up	
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Years 3, 4 and 5
Between 9am and 12pm	Between 12pm and 3pm

If you decide to print the PDF at home (they're approximately 15 double-sized pages), please let us know so that we can tick your name off on the collection sheet.

Over the next week, parents will receive an email from Maths No Problem which will give all the information needed to sign up for the Parent Guides. Please check your junk mail for this too. If you have not received this email by Friday, 29th May, please email Miss Bradley at abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk.

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 your child's key stage leader directly.

Reception	Mrs Haynes jhaynes@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk
Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2)	Mr Pritchard wpritchard@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk
Lower Key Stage Two (Years 3 & 4)	Mrs Hares mhares@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk
Upper Key Stage Two (Years 5 & 6)	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.