



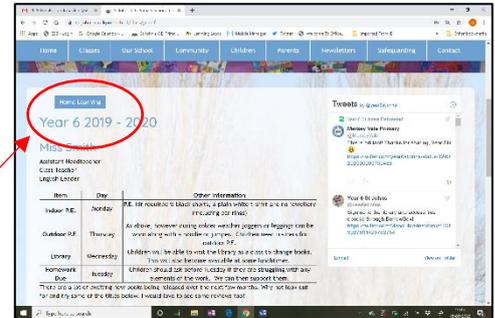
Thursday 19th March 2020

Re: Home Learning During School Closure

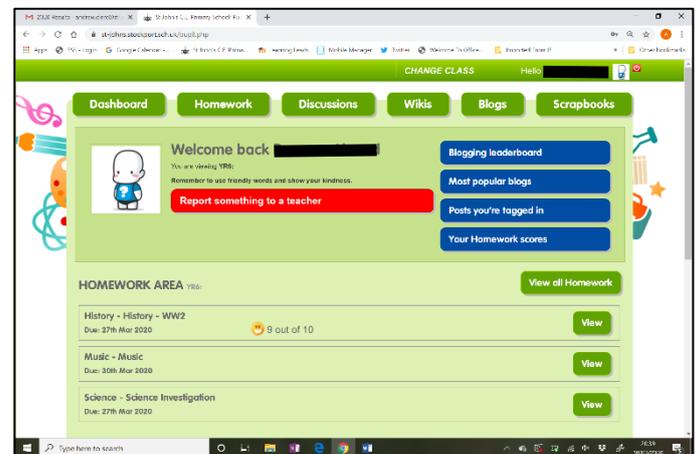
Dear Parents/Carers,

Given that the DfE have now closed schools for all but key workers' children, we are putting into action the plans we have been working on to allow us to provide an element of education for children during the period of closure. Although provision will vary dependent upon the age of a child, the general school provision will be as follows.

Each class has set up a home learning page which can be accessed via the class page on the school website. Following this link will take you to a new page where staff have provided guidance to allow children to continue learning at home during the closure period. Staff have tried to outline activities that should be completed daily such as times tables practise and reading. Staff have also used this page to sign post you to relevant software the school subscribes to which can be used to help children practise key skills. To support reading and maths, staff will be allocating books on Bug Club and activities on Mathletics. In order to maintain a balanced curriculum each class home learning page also contains an Activity Grid outlining tasks covering the wider curriculum. Many of these may be project based so don't feel under pressure to complete each task in one attempt.



We will also be using the pupil area of the school website, something we have not been using until now. Each child will receive their login details in a pack sent home. To login, visit the school website and click on the 'Pupil Login' button in the top left of the school website homepage. Children will then be able to see any additional homework tasks set and be able to submit their work for their teacher to see. Children can upload comments, pictures, videos and files to the homework area. This system will also allow children to ask questions of their teachers and other pupils in their class. The teachers will be able to monitor online activity and respond where appropriate. By using the website to publish homework, this will enable us to continue to provide work throughout the period of closure. The parent login area will allow you to monitor your child's online homework activity. Your login details are the same as you use for the School Spider APP.



We appreciate that using the website to set homework is a new approach for St John's, click the following link to view a video showing how to use the website in this way [Website Video](#). The children will have had the use of the homework feature shown to them by their class teacher during lessons. Although this situation has been forced upon us all by circumstance, we are very much looking forward to seeing the potential of this style of learning and the possible benefits of interaction between children and staff.



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We strongly recommend that you test your child's login before school closes on Friday in order that we may support you accessing the content that has been uploaded. It is important you continue to visit the school website and your child's relevant home learning page as content will be updated throughout the closure period.

Your child will also be coming home with a folder containing an exercise book, pencil, key login details and any paper based work the class teacher has chosen to send. The exercise book is in case you prefer for your child to work in the book rather than completing tasks electronically.

Obviously, many of you may be required to work at home yourselves but we believe it is in no ones interest to allow children to be absent from school for potentially such a long period of time without regularly practising and developing the key skills they have been working on this year at school. Therefore, we thank you in advance for your support with your child's learning during this unprecedented time.

Should you need any support please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing the work the children produce.

Kind regards,

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