



## Walter Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and have been enjoying the lovely weather that we have been having recently. Firstly, thank you for supporting your child's learning at home and I'm sure that you are all doing a wonderful job during this challenging time. We want to continue to support you with home schooling and provide resources and activities tailored to our Walter families and children. Please find below a suggested outline for the day.

Time	Task/Activity for Key Stage One
9:00 - 10:00	English - writing
10:00 - 10:30	Reading
10:30 - 11:00	Break and snack time
11:00 - 12:00	Maths tasks - don't forget that you can access Education City or practise some practical things that involve maths; such as baking, sorting things, measuring things or going on a shape walk.
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch time
1:00 - 1:20	Practising our phonics or spellings
1:20 - 3:00	Our afternoons consist of many different activities, tasks and learning. We might find out about famous people from history, do some PE and stay active with Jack or Joe Wicks. We might learn about different cultures, go for a nature walk as part of our one daily exercise or do arts and crafts. We will continue to update our website with ideas and resources.

I would also like to inform you about our Home Learning provision. We have been updating the Home Learning area of the website with new resources and we have re-organised everything so that it is easier to follow.

Each year group now has their own area where we will upload year group or age specific work for learning at home. We will update these pages regularly with weekly tasks covering a range of subjects. Please see each year groups page for more information and activities.

This week Mrs Wheeler has produced an English Topic focused on Pizza! You will find all the resources you need to deliver these lessons at home on our website.

Don't forget to keep reading with your child at home as often as possible. You will find lots of resources for reading online. In school we use the Big Cat books published by Collin's. I

am pleased to announce that today they have launched a free online service for reading eBooks online and many of these include a follow up activity. These are identical to the books that we use in school and will be ideal to use at home. Your child should know which colour band they are reading at.

For access to this wonderful resource please visit the following website:

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/teacherlogin.aspx>

Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password: Parents20!

We have also added a resource for teaching phonics at home and this is on our website. Phase 2 phonics resources are online and ready to be used. Phase 3 and Phase 5 will be launching soon. Each phoneme, grapheme or sound has a short video presented by someone called Mr Thorne on YouTube with a follow up task or activity. Please visit the Phonics at Home area of the website, under Home Learning, for more information and resources to use at home to support the children's phonics. We have also been sent some links to Letters and Sounds lessons via YouTube which we will share with you in an additional communication.

We are continuing to add to and further develop our Walter Tube YouTube channel. We have been sharing stories, counting and maths activities, arts and crafts and some videos with advice for parents on how we teach certain things in school.

On the website, you can also find access to Purple Mash, Phonics Play, Education City and all the things that we uploaded before the Easter break.

The BBC have launched their live lessons today. This is a wonderful additional resource that you may wish to use; however, please bear in mind that many of the videos or activities may not have been designed by educational experts or teachers. Nevertheless, it still has some educational value and some of the videos are entertaining. You will find this on the BBC's website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks1/zn2n92p>

You might have heard in the news that the Government have launched a new online service for home learning that has been designed by teachers and for teachers to use. It is called The Oak National Academy. I have had a look at this and there does seem to be some lovely and useful activities already on their website. There is a specific area for each year group and subject. However, please bear in mind that this was not produced by Walter Infant School and Nursery and might be presented in a different way from what the children are used to. You will find the Oak National Academy website by visiting <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Kind regards and best wishes



Mr Justin Lee: Year 2 Team Lead

