

Pack 1 Overview

Firstly, I hope that you and your family are well – accessing this pack is an indication that you must be isolating. I look forward to seeing you as soon as you can return and stay safe in the meantime.

The aim of this pack is to keep all of those key skills tricking over and to replicate those things that will be going on in the classroom. I am hoping that a few of the tasks provide a little bit of light relief too – isolation can be tough.

I've broken down my advice into subject specific sections.

Maths

Just as in the classroom, you'll notice there is an Earlybird for each day Monday to Thursday. Tackle these daily – they cover a wide range of topics. If you get stuck on one, simply move to the next and go back to the harder one later. Ask parents for advice if needed.

You'll also find an arithmetic paper – this tests all the key skills that need to be kept sharp (especially Year 6, but almost as pressing in Year 5). You don't have to do this in one hit, I'd suggest separating it over a couple of sessions. Fractions are likely to cause the most problems, so use

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb> for a quick recap if need be.

English

I've tried to tick all of our usual boxes here: reading, writing and SPAG. The reading matter concerns 'Great Walls of the World' and is an interesting comprehension. If you become 'mad keen' on walls, you could research how Trump's wall is getting on now that the regime is changing.

For your writing, you need to read the first chapter of a science fiction book (aimed at your age group), this can be accessed via the screen shots or through the amazon link (use the look inside function). Your task is to write the second chapter and guidance can be found on the sheet! I've had some great results from this piece in the past so I look forward to your efforts.

The SPAG task concerns words and phrases in context and it might be worth having a dictionary (physical or online) nearby. These are common phrases but you might not have come across all of them before (a parent might also be good to ask).

Don't forget to keep reading!

Science

Over the course of this year, we will be looking at various aspects of our solar system. All of these tasks are designed to give you the initial overview. You will need to get outside to make your solar system, and you can use a variety of objects for planets from your own home (fruit can work quite well). Stargazing is great fun, so please do get out there and see what you can find (the North Star is a useful one). The NASA solar system website is really good to get lost in: <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/solar-system/our-solar-system/overview/> Don't forget to take a photo of your efforts to show me.

Art

I'm sure many of you will be familiar with the style of Pablo Picasso! You'll find two tasks to get you creating images like his. Enjoy them. The first task (with the dice) can be used in conjunction with the rest of the family so that you can compare your efforts.

All the best and see you soon.

Mr Fremlin