



Home Learning ideas for KEY STAGE 3

We recognise that school closure will have an enormous impact on our pupils and families, and that it will be important to keep our young people productively engaged in learning activities as far as possible.

However, don't feel under pressure to make your child 'do work', instead, read together, their favourite novel, your favourite novel. Do a puzzle. Build a fort. Bake. Watch TV together. Paint. Get out the Lego and build together. Set up a tent in the living room and camp out. Look at photos together. Don't stress about 'home schooling' them.

Suggested Day Plan Remember that less is more: don't end up having battle over work!	Morning 1	Reading activity
	Break	
	Morning 2	Maths activity
	Lunch	
	Afternoon 1	Writing activity
	Break	
	Afternoon 2	Our World or Creativity activity

Reading	These activities help pupils to make sense of the narratives, words, symbols and pictures around them.	
	Practical activities	10 – 30 minutes of daily reading (independent reading, sharing a book, reading to your child or listening to an audio book are all acceptable) of books from school, books from a local library or books you have at home.
	Around the house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> newspapers - look at pictures, read headlines, cut out interesting stories magazines - go to local shops, buy a magazine of interest, share reading articles read and follow recipe from a cook book Argos catalogue Youtube: Phonics Fairy, Audio books, CBeebies Bedtime Stories
	Online resources	At Oxford Owl you can access lots of book just set up a free account at: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/?sellLanguage=en&mode=hub
Writing	These activities support pupils to express their thoughts and feelings, as well as develop their motor control.	
	Practical activities	10 – 30 minutes of daily writing and drawing, using a range of pens, pencils, chalks, paints etc, or fine motor activities such as threading pasta onto string, cutting and sticking using old magazines or catalogues to make collages, pegging up items with clothes pegs. 1. Write a story about one of these things:

		<p><i>Playing football at school, the virus that is affecting the world, who you will visit when you're allowed and what you'll do with them.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Write about your pet if you have one.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Write what you miss about school.</i></p>
	Around the house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • colouring pictures, colouring books, free printables from the internet • mark making in sensory materials - shaving foam, flour, sand, glitter, rice, cereals. baked beans • write stories, poems • keep a diary • Create a newspaper/magazine article of something of interest
	Online resources	<p>http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html These particular activities have been chosen to fit in with the curriculum followed in Year 9 Year 1 easier – text, features, alphabet, sight words, capitalisation Year 2: sentences, sight words, consonants and vowels, verbs Year 6: more challenging</p>
Mathematics *worksheet found in Home Learning	Why?	<p><i>These activities support pupils to reason, make connections and solve problems in their world.</i></p>
	Practical activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. * 2D shapes communication in print activity worksheet 2. * Addition with money (differentiated printable sheets) 3. Look at a receipt from the supermarket; choose things you like and find out how much they cost and add the total together. 4. Go for walk with an adult and count how many cars you see that are: white, blue, black; make a tally chart.
	Around the house	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Activity 2D shapes as above
	Online resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.coolmathgames.com/ <p>These activities are recommended as they fit in with the Maths curriculum being followed: go to Numbers and use these games according to what your child would be able to do or like to do: Maths Venture, Swap Sums, Calculate This, Idle Dice Easier games: Row Row, Number Sequence</p>
Creativity		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Creative self-expression is fundamental to wellbeing. These activities encourage designing & creating, offer the chance to offer opinions and share emotions.</i>
	Practical activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Make a collage or scrapbook of photos to show the things you've been doing during lockdown</i> 2. <i>Keep a diary of the weather everyday – you could draw a picture to show this too!</i> 3. <i>Paint some garden pots</i>
	Around the house	

	Online resources	Take some time to view a work of art (many galleries such as the Tate have much of their collection to view online https://www.tate.org.uk/). Talk about what you like about the piece, or create your own version.
Our world	<i>These activities help pupils acquire skills for everyday living, make choices and recognise their place within our culture and society.</i>	
	Practical activities *worksheet found in Home Learning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making pizza * 2. Collect these coins £2, £1, 50p, 20p, 10p, 5p, 1p; Extension activity: make these amounts: £2.23, £3.29, 51p, 67p – now make up some amounts of your own.
	Around the house	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making pizza 2. With an adult find things that are safe and unsafe in the house or/and outside. 3. Make your own fitness plan to use everyday. 4. Water plants, do some weeding, plant some herbs. 5. Cook a simple meal for the family with some help if you need it. Remember wash hands with soap and wear an apron.
	Online resources	https://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/ https://lemonlimeadventures.com/12-sensory-play-ideas-to-encourage-hands-on-learning/
General Curriculum	The BBC's Bitesize pages offer a variety of useful activities across the curriculum: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p	
Staying Active	It might not be possible to get out and about, but staying active and healthy is important. A couple of websites to help you get moving: https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-collection/zbr4scw	
Calming Activities	Calming activities are very important as they help children feel calm, centred and ready for whatever is next. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squishes with big physio balls • Hand massage • Listening to rhythmic or soft music • Fiddle/ squishy toys 	