

Dear all,

Here you will find any useful information and ideas for staying fit, thrive, show and tell and reading.

Google classroom seems to be running smoothly. Please feel free to revisit learning or go back to any that you have missed. These will be saved under a topic called 'w/c 27th April'. Hopefully this should then not make everything too confusing but allow you to access any previous learning.

Each day find the slide on google classroom and on the website. We will upload any information and slides to Google classroom and the virtual learning section of the school website. We will upload these onto Google Classroom at 8pm the evening before to allow any of you to have a little look through or to print of some slides.

Please upload photos of your work or the activity you are doing for some feedback from your teacher. Google classroom is a way for you to share your home learning with your teachers and to receive personal feedback. Only the teachers will be able to see and respond to anything that you hand in from an assignment.

We will continue with 'show and tell' on Friday as this is a great part of the week to look forward to and share our week. We will upload this to view on the 'stream' of google classroom and the school website. You can then comment on this and reply to each others achievements.

There will be no learning set for bank holiday on Friday 8th of May.

If you have any other questions, please email year1@whyteleafeschool.org

Take care and keep safe,
Miss Newey, Mrs Kenning and Mrs Moses

Useful information

- Please continue where you can with teach your monster to read. This is a great app that children can use. They all have a school password so that we can monitor their progress.
- Phonics play has revamped their website and the games are exciting and new for the children - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
- Numbots is an online maths resource where children can practise number skills. Each child has their own username and password in the back of their contact book. It is the same username and password for Times Tables Rockstars.
<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login-type>
- Twinkl offer so many fantastic free resources. Offer Code: UKTWINKLHELPS
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer> We will guide you towards the best resources.

Staying fit at home

In government guidelines, children should be doing an hour of physical activity each day. Here are some ways that you can stay fit with physical activity at home.

- PE with Joe Wicks - 30 minute workshop 9:00-9:30 Monday-Friday
You could record this in an exercise log <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/joe-wicks-exercise-log-t-pe-277>

- Boom Arts Academy are going live bringing dance into homes via you tube every weekday at 10am.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXQ_ZWpVoKrv-ZEf5ZbMs3Q

- Fitt-in videos please follow these simple steps:

Website : <https://www.fitt-in.co.uk/>

Username : whyteleafprimary@fitt-in.co.uk

Password : WPS2020HomeUserA1F

Choose your Fitt-in video, press play and enjoy!

There is no limit to usage and so you can take part in a few videos each day.

- [Go Noodle games](#)
- [Disney dance alongs](#)
- [Cosmic Kids Yoga](#)
- [Change 4 life - Wake Up Shake Up](#)



Staying fit at home

In school, we use real PE as part of our PE lessons and children will be familiar with some of these games and activities

<https://vimeo.com/398010428>

The website address is: home.jasmineactive.com

Parent email: parent@whyteleaf-1.com

Password: **whyteleaf**



real PE at home includes an online programme which supports families to be active, play and learn together. It includes a programme specifically for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 with 12 themes, 6 areas, over 250 activities and challenges and 1000s of hours of fun and activity. This programme is also great for family play and fun.

There are so many benefits to being active, not only to our physical wellbeing but also to our emotional and mental health, especially in such testing times for all of us. We hope that the ideas help support you and your family to stay fit and healthy in the coming months.



Daily Reading



There is still an expectation for daily reading to take place at home. Please continue to note this in the school/home contact book.

Once your child returns to school they will receive a prize and certificate if they have read daily during their isolation period.

You can read any book you have at home.

You can create a free account to access ebooks https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html

Each child has a login on <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/portal.aspx> to access ebooks, please enter their login (all you need to do is type in the school) Their password is their date of birth, first letter of surname and year group. E.g. 19 march N 1)



Handwriting



In school we use the program 'Penpals'
Here are some resources you could use to support handwriting at home.

Handwriting ideas from Penpals Day Pack

Handwriting is something that should be practised little and often. In this digital age, it is often challenging to find opportunities to get children to practise at home and at school. Here are nine ideas to encourage and inspire your class to write. Nine ideas to encourage writing.

https://www.cambridge.org/gb/files/1915/4817/7508/EDU_40239_National_Hand_Day_Pack_ReBrand.pdf

Handwriting - Penpals Exercise Gym – Age 3-6

These videos will get your learners ready for handwriting. Ideal for children aged 3-6 they include exercises to get them ready to write, along with upper and lower case letter animations to help them get their letter formations just right. These videos get them warmed up and ready for writing.

https://www.youtube.com/user/CambridgeUPedu/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=2

Handwriting support for parents

'Message for Parents' will help to manage and support your children's handwriting. Please look at year 1.

https://www.cambridge.org/files/7314/9020/2522/PfH_Messages_for_Parents_combined.pdf

Worksheets – Packs that contain English, Maths and Science activities – Year 1-6

Free packs of worksheets have been created for children to complete at home with the help from a grown-up. They will have pupils occupied for hours: sorting, questioning, playing, and most importantly, learning.

Simply choose the stage you need, press download and share them with your pupils.

<https://www.cambridge.org/gb/education/primary-worksheets>

As a reminder, correct letter formation for lower-case letters is as follows. The arrows show the direction of your child's pencil:



Capital letters are formed as follows:





Children love having parents who are playful, fun, interested and curious about them.

Children enjoy feeling important and special and really benefit from having some individual time with parents.

Here are some creative activities that you can use with your child to support their emotional development at home.

Play releases lots of feel good chemicals that help us feel calm, steady and connected. If possible, look to do these activities for as much as 20 minutes or more each day.

Top Tips:

- Draw up a routine of what you are doing and when.
- Keep cardboard boxes or clean recycling objects to use for arts later.
- Don't worry if things go wrong - play can be fun and endings can be difficult.
- Remember - children learn hugely through play, especially with an adult they love.

Use a finger to draw a flower on your child's hand; extend this to a guessing game with older children by drawing a shape, number, pattern or creature.



Make a den with cushions, blankets, bed sheets, clothes pegs, pillows - anything soft!

Dance together: perhaps teach your child a dance you did when you were younger. Be willing to learn one from them.





Let's help every child
thrive

Do loud singing then quiet singing,
or very active movement then slow
movement eg. find your favourite
song and create a dance for it.

Use face paints together
eg. favourite animals.
After painting, wash each
other's hands or wipe the
fingers free of substance.
Or draw each other's
faces - you could even do
it with your eyes closed!

Set-up a treasure hunt:
take it in turns to hide
things for each other. Or
play hide and seek!



Show and tell

Please share any of photos of your learning with us.

year1@whyteleafschool.org

We will need your permission to upload these as the slide will go on the website.

If you would not like your photo to go on the slides and just show your teacher, please make this clear in the email.

Please email any photos by 3:00pm on Thursday. Any photos sent after this time will go on the following week.