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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term!

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We are all missing the children very much and are looking forward to the time when we can be together as a school community once again.

As the social distancing measures have been extended, I am writing to explain some changes we will be making to the way in which the children learn at home. These changes are to be effective from today although it may be a good idea to spend this week familiarising yourselves with the resources before starting the new timetable next week.

You may have heard in the media about the government initiative to produce online lessons for children provided by Oak National Academy, which launched yesterday. Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources. Backed by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown. The online classroom offers free access to great teachers, delivering video lessons, quizzes and worksheets. All of the lessons are planned and ordered so your child can access the curriculum that would have been delivered in school this term. The lessons can be accessed on a phone, tablet or laptop.

Key learning on the new timetable

All children from Years 1-6 will need to complete the daily **English and Maths** lessons from this website, relevant to their year group. To access the online classroom and for further information please follow the link below.

www.thenational.academy/

We also ask that your child reads for pleasure, that you read to them, or share a story every day.

Resources to support your children can be found here:

Audible – free 30 day trial and first book free

<https://www.audible.co.uk/>

Pickatale – Try for free

https://pickatale.co.uk/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIydfX5db06AIVmKztCh14VAu2EAAYAyAAEgJRrPD_BwE

Epic! (Free until June)

https://www.getepic.com/?utm_channel=search&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIydfX5db06AIVmKztCh14VAu2EAAYAiAAEgloTPD_BwE

David Walliams daily story sessions - <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-catch-up/>

They will also need to spend some time on Times Tables Rock stars each day. This can be done completely independently and they should have their log in for this already.

This work may also, on occasions, be supplemented with additional, bespoke work in English and Maths from your class teacher which should be completed and emailed back to school.

If in Year R/1/2, they will also need to access the daily phonics activity posted by teachers via the school website.

We would also encourage every child to complete some form of exercise each day for their mental and physical health.

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Each family and their circumstances are different. In order to support parents who wish to have more structure, whilst not overwhelming others, we ask that as **a minimum** each child completes the activities outlined above. The activities below are optional. Parents can then judge how much time is manageable for you as a family to spend in completing these other activities.

Additional optional learning

Class teachers will also send out topic projects. These are for foundation subjects and the activities can be worked through at your own pace over the time outlined by the class teacher. These activities support our curriculum learning but are more creative and in some cases allow for a family with more than one child in school to work together – hopefully making it more manageable for parents. There is also a foundation lesson posted daily on Oak National Academy for your child's year group should you wish to explore these too.

In addition to this, there are some newly designed and excellent resources available on BBC Bitesize to offer more structure to the day for children until schools fully reopen.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Further resources to support your children at home can also be found by following the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

Class teachers will still be available on a daily basis to respond to any queries you may have. We love your feedback and are happy to receive emails outlining what your child has completed or enjoyed each week. Class teachers will also be contacting you via phone in the next few weeks to touch base with your child.

Please don't forget to post on Instagram #kirkbymalzeardstnicholas, we have loved seeing what you have all been busy with at home. Please note these should be parent accounts only.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of help in any way at this time.

Take care,

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KS2 Key Learning Daily Timetable

National Oak Academy English lesson	www.thenational.academy/
Reading for pleasure (30 minutes)	
National Oak Academy Maths Lesson	www.thenational.academy/
Times Table Rock stars	
Exercise of your choice	
Any additional work from your class teacher	Sent via email from your class teacher

KS1 Key Learning Daily Timetable

National Oak Academy English lesson	www.thenational.academy/
Reading for pleasure (15 minutes)	
National Oak Academy Maths Lesson	www.thenational.academy/
Times Table Rock stars	
Exercise of your choice	
Any additional work from your class teacher	Sent via email from your class teacher
Phonics session	Posted on the website on a daily basis with effect from Monday 27th April

Optional Activities for Year 1- 6

National Oak Academy daily foundation lesson for year group	www.thenational.academy/
Topic projects activities	Posted on class pages
BBC bitesize activities	www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
Forest school activities	Ideas posted on class pages

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EYFS Key Learning Daily Timetable

Reading for pleasure (15 minutes)	
Exercise of your choice	
Phonics session	Posted on the website on a daily basis
Choose one activity to complete from the work posted by your teacher or off the Reception section of activities on the Oak National Academy website	www.thenational.academy/ or teacher plans posted on the class page