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Dear Parents and Carers,

The teachers have asked me to say how AMAZING it has been to see so much home learning taking place. We're working hard to get everyone on SeeSaw (and help get some teachers increasingly familiar with how to use it too) but the work posted on there is so lovely to see.

This update may be of support and interest to lots of you. However, as always, our suggestions will be a guide and the content only there to support. You may be exploring your own learning completely and managing brilliantly. Relaxing and have individual space or an allocated quiet time is also important.

Now that it may be becoming clearer to the children that this situation will certainly be for some weeks longer, they may benefit from a routine or structure that they develop some ownership of. Encouraging time learning together and also time when they explore, create and self-initiate learning may help everybody.

You have had **the remote learning list** and I know there are so many wonderful options to choose that are not even on this list as new online lessons are being created all the time. Myleen Klass for example has started online music lessons. There are other music home learning suggestions also locally. <https://derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/get-involved/music-at-home/music-at-home.aspx>

Teachers are also making suggestions on Twitter and Seesaw.

You may start to wonder how to juggle it all and how to structure the learning.

For this reason, I attach a SUGGESTED **timetable** and certainly one you and your child may adjust as you see fit.

I also attach a '**LEARNING CHALLENGE 'KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER'** for each year group. In school these are used alongside extensive plans and resources. Please use them as a guide to key learning intentions as listed on the poster and key vocabulary. Your child may explore the challenge in as much or little detail as you see fit making posters, pictures, fact files, stories, poems...the list is endless. www.bbcbitesize is great for clips.

I also attach a **science learning focus**. Again, this could just spark a project on this learning challenge. You don't need to do all the worksheets but by studying this area a little you will be helping to ensure the sequence when back in school is as seamless as possible.

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You have lots of spellings and work on www.activelearn.co.uk but I would invite your child to do one writing focus activity a week too. This week it is a **film review** and I've attached some supporting templates to help structure the review.

We'd love to see any of this work uploaded to your child's SeeSaw account.

As an active school we are keen that you and your children are active as much as possible. In school we subscribe to REAL PE. They have created a wonderful resource for you to access called REAL PE AT HOME.

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. This programme is also great for family play and fun.

It also includes a programme for children in Key Stage 2, with daily and weekly guidance provided for both programmes in addition to an option to choose your own themes and activities.

There are so many benefits to being active, not only to our physical wellbeing but also to our emotional and mental health, especially now. We hope that the ideas help support you and your family to stay fit and healthy in the coming months. Here are the details to access real PE at home:

The website address is: home.jasmineactive.com

Parent email: parent@brockwellj-1.com

Password: brockwellj

I have had requests to share links for WhatsApp and other groups. This is tricky due to safeguarding some of our children so I am unable to do this. I can let you know that parents are keen to invite anyone to such groups. Mr Harrison in year 3 as an example has some super ideas and is very happy for me to let you know that a group exists if you'd like to join.

Mr Power is working on some online safety information after trialling some of the video conferencing and other apps that certainly are fantastic but need to be used carefully with children. 'Houseparty' for example is one but you may find unexpected guests joining your online get together! More to come on this.

We are working on a rota throughout Easter and will be based at the Infants. I've suggested to the teachers that they 'go quiet' for a period to mark the holiday. I'd like to say a massive well done to the children at home and the children in school. Critical workers – so many of you – are doing such a courageous job and we think of you much of the time.

As the rainbows made by our children say - 'StayHome&StaySafe'. We will be back in touch with more home learning updates soon.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Holmes

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