



Year 6 Home-Learning Overview

Dear Year 6,

I hope that you are all safe and well, not missing me too much and not driving your parents mad yet!

I'm here to give you some information about how I envisage your home learning taking place.

Assigned Work

Every Monday morning, I will upload the following to the class blog on the school website:

- 5 pieces of English work (1 per day)
- 5 pieces of maths work (1 per day)
- 1 piece of science work
- 1 piece of RE work
- 1 piece of geography work
- 1 piece of history work
- 1 piece of French work

The intention is that you complete 3 pieces of work per day: one piece of English, one piece of maths and one other piece of your choosing. Wherever possible, I will endeavour to also upload the answers so that you or a family member can mark your work. You can either complete your work on individual pieces of paper which you collate in a folder or ring binder, a notebook or exercise book, or using a computer if your parents allow this. I will try to avoid setting work that requires printing but if this does occur and you don't have access to a printer, just do the best you can.

Please remember that it is very difficult to set work in this manner which will challenge all of you equally. If you find the work difficult, ask a family member to help you or just do what you can. If you find it too easy, consider looking for more challenging activities to complete online.

Finally, we will only be setting work during term time dates, so you'll have two weeks off uploading over the Easter holidays.

Non-Assigned Work

Inevitably, the assigned work above does not cover the entirety of the curriculum, so here are my suggestions for other tasks you can do:

- Read - every day for 30 minutes. It doesn't really matter what you read, as long as you read something!

- PE – aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day. Go for a walk, play games in the garden, dance, do yoga, complete work-outs – there are plenty of options.
- PSHE – try to spend 30 minutes a day without looking at any kind of screen, but instead spending time with your family. You could play board games, help with the housework or even just have a chat. Ring your relatives if you have any – they would love to hear from you, especially grand-parents.
- Computing – I'll upload a list of useful websites on the blog which can help develop and sharpen your ICT skills. Try and visit them at least once a week and see what takes your interest.
- Music – if you are lucky enough to have a musical instrument at home, there are loads of fantastic videos on YouTube which can help you practise it (including the ukulele, which you have all been great at this term!) If you don't have access to an instrument, try simply listening to different kinds of music and don't ever doubt the virtue of a good old-fashioned singsong!
- Art and DT – there is nothing wrong with simply having a sketchbook and just doing some mark-making or drawing whenever the moment strikes you. There are also some lovely craft ideas on <https://blog.hobbycraft.co.uk/home-crafts/> and various other websites which you can do at home. Make sure you have parental permission and guidance where possible and remember that cooking is also part of DT!

The World Is At Your Fingertips

Don't forget that there is a world of other resources, activities, videos, interactive games and animations out there on the world wide web. Several subscription-only websites have made their content free for the duration of school closure, so take advantage!

Try Your Best

These are unprecedented days for the vast majority of us and I obviously have no way of checking on the effort you put in or the quality that you produce. You may feel tempted to complete your tasks as quickly as possible without the kind of care and attention we insist on in class. From the bottom of my heart, please do not do this. Please try your best in every activity you complete and get into the habit of working hard independently.

Secondary school is just around the corner and the more you do now, the easier the transition will be. Just like at school, the amount of progress you make learning at home will be directly linked to the amount of effort you put in, and remember – the harder you try, the more you'll learn and the more confident you will feel.

If there are any particular problems or questions feel free to write an e-mail addressed to me and sent to parents@hartsbourne.org.uk.

Good luck, and I hope that we will see each other again soon!

Mr Harper 😊