

In the light of Wednesday's announcement regarding school closures due to the coronavirus pandemic, detailed below are some ideas and web links that will help your child continue their learning at home.

Reading

This is the single most important thing that your child can do to ensure that they are "secondary ready". Fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, magazines - the wider the diet of material they digest the better. Talk to them about what they are reading - encourage them as much as you can - how about a family Readathon?

Writing

As the children's vocabulary is enriched through reading, it is important that they have the opportunity to apply their skills to writing. This website: <http://www.pobble365.com/> offers a wide variety of writing stimuli, all accompanied by a story starter, grammar prompts and questions to make you think. Just select a picture and click on the down arrow towards the bottom of the screen to bring them up.

English Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation

The place to start here is the school website: www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/. Within the English curriculum section, you will find many links, including explanatory Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Leaflets and Word Study details. We have also added the Reading and Writing Grids, which we use for assessment. The yellow sections are the Year End Expectations for Year 6.

Maths

Here, the key thing is to maintain fluency in times tables' facts. Again, the website has links to the KIRFS for each year group - you may want to check on the KIRFS for years prior to Year 6, to ensure that your child's understanding is secure and that recall is actually instant! The following websites carry a host of activities to help children maintain their existing skills and learn new ones:

<https://myminimaths.co.uk/year-6-mini-maths/>

<https://corbettmathsprimary.com/> - maths - 5 a day especially recommended

Both sites have links to YouTube videos reminding them how to tackle any concepts that prove challenging.

General

Home Learning packs for each year group are now available on the school website. Click on this link and select Year 6 from the left hand menu:

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+Resources&pid=482>

More content will be added over the coming weeks, so please keep checking back.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer>

- a free one-month membership covering all subjects. ***HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!***

www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk - Science

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize - All subjects

Finally, these are the main learning websites the children can access with their logins.

www.educationcity.com

www.sumdog.com/sch/northdowns

www.purplemash.com//sch/northdowns

www.ttrockstars.com