

Hartsfield KS1 Remote Learning January 2021



May I take this opportunity to thank you for the positive feedback we have received about our quick switch to home learning. There is no easy option or 'one size fits all' for you but we hope we have struck a balance and that you are able to access some or all of the home learning we are planning and offering.

Those of you with older children will be aware that we have been using Google Classroom but with lots of consideration we have decided against using it with EYFS and Key stage 1 children at this time. This is primarily because it requires computing skills to navigate that are beyond many young children and would therefore fall on you as parents to become proficient and constantly on hand. We are all too aware of many families struggling with device time, parents under work pressures and finding quiet places to work.

As a result, we want to make things as easy, accessible and productive as possible and we have agreed on 4 principles:

1. We will reduce the amount of work that you need to print out at home.

We will do this in a number of ways:

White Rose maths workbooks have been ordered for every child in Year 1 and 2 and we will let you know when they arrive. When you come to collect them we will also give you a lined exercise book for all other work to be completed in.

On the website we will offer a selection of resources and activities. We will also use Oak Academy or other online lessons as much as possible, where relevant and appropriate, as they generally require only paper and pencil. **Resources will be available from 4.00pm each Friday for the following week.**

2. We will meet virtually with the children twice a week.

Starting this week with Year 1 and 2 and the following week with EYFS, you will receive a Zoom meeting invite. This will be an opportunity for the children to 'meet' with the rest of the class, listen to a story, share ideas or just to say 'Hi'. In anticipation of this it might be useful to download Zoom if you don't already have it. Please don't worry if your child can't make each meeting but if you could help them to join the meeting at least once a week then that would be great.

3. We will feed back on work that your child is doing at home.

Submitting work from our youngest pupils is a difficulty but is a great way to keep the children motivated. So that there is not pressure or confusion we have decided to keep this simple, for us, for you and for the children. Each week within the planning, the teachers will clearly identify the **one** piece of work that they want submitted. You're not limited to this piece alone but this identified work should be submitted. It will usually be writing but may be writing within a chosen subject i.e. Geography or within the English lessons. By doing this you can clearly plan your family work times and hopefully feel on top of things if you know only **one** piece needs to be submitted to us. Of course, you can mark the children's maths together at home and share other work with your teachers or friends.

As the work will require writing, a skill they are all still learning, then this makes submitting it a bit more difficult. Please could you take a photograph of the work and then send the photo to your child's class email.

Please could we have the piece of work due to be handed in, by 12pm on the Friday of that week. Please could the email be titled with your child's name (it's difficult sometimes to figure out who the work is from when your email is very different from your child's name).

Mrs Nelson class1@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk
Mrs Fisher class2@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk
Miss Childs class3@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk
Mrs Hughes class4@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk

With a Friday afternoon as the latest time for work to be submitted, please bear with us when offering feedback, but we aim to respond to work within a couple of working days. Any urgent issues still need to go to admin@hartsfield.herts.sch.uk as this email is constantly monitored.

4. We will monitor and respond to your child reading

Hopefully you will have logged into **Active Learn Primary** and have found the books allocated to your child. As a reminder, the website is <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

We can see which books the children have read and the games they have played. Many of the books have embedded games and comprehension or phonic activities when you click on the 'bug'. These need to be done before the book is shown as having been completed. We receive a 'warning' when your child is running low on books. We will respond by adding more books and activities.