



# Blanford Mere Nursery and Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Why have Learning Projects been created?

### Home Learning:

Learning Projects have been created as a result of schools closing due to the Coronavirus outbreak across the UK. Based on this decision made by the Government, a group of experts from across a local Multi Academy Trust decided to write a set of home learning projects, which can be completed by your child in the forthcoming weeks, as we are unsure of how long schools will remain closed to pupils.

In sending you the Learning Projects, we fully acknowledge that they cannot replace the quality of learning your child receives at school, however, our complete focus has been on providing you with a set of projects that all children can access to maximise their learning whilst at home.

Staff do not expect the projects to be handed in once they return to school. Staff will not be marking the work that has been set.

### Other tasks

In addition to the Learning Projects, staff have compiled tasks and activities linked to their topics on online learning platforms such as Purple Mash, Education City, Mathletics, TTRock Stars, Spelling Shed and Numbots. If you would like additional topics, then have a look at the non-screen based activities that we have posted on the school website. Your child may like to carry out some additional topic work that interests them or create art in the style of key artists etc.

## What are the aims of the Learning Projects?

- To create age specific learning opportunities for primary school children.
- To create a resource for parents that is easy to access and use - the focus is on parents being able to help deliver the content or children accessing it independently.
- To ensure that key learning is linked to the National Curriculum.
- To enable children to continue with their learning at home during the enforced shutdown.
- To enable families to focus on a joint topic and theme to promote family wide learning.
- To provide structure and focus to each day that we are experiencing an enforced shutdown.
- To centralise online learning resources and links into an easy to manage format for families.



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## How do I use the Learning Projects?

As a parent your first step is to select the age range linked to the year group your child is in. This can be accessed in the **'working from home'** pencil on the school website, homework folder, under the following year groups – EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. There will be a weekly project available – for you to complete over the week with your child. This will appear from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. **The aim is for you to complete a minimum of two hours of learning a day with your child but this is very much your parental choice and you may wish for your child to do more.**

We will notify you via the School life app each week, when the new project is available for your child to complete.

## What happens if my child finds the learning too difficult?

Our first piece of advice to parents is that **ALL** children find elements of learning challenging at times so try not to worry if your child becomes stuck and you cannot explain it to them.

The Learning Projects which have been designed are based on the National Curriculum expectations for the year group which your child is in. It may be that your child finds the tasks set within the Learning Project for their year group too challenging, for example if they have specific learning needs. If this is the case, then we advise that your child accesses the Learning Projects which are set to the age range below, for example a child in Year 3/4 could attempt the KS1 Learning Project or Year 1 Learning Project, if this is more appropriate for them.

If your child has additional learning needs, they may have small step targets set in a report from the Learning Support Team in place to help support their learning and progress. Learning time at home could be used to work on the targets which are currently in place for your child.

Thank you again for your continued support. We will keep you updated about the school closures as Government guidance is received.

Keep safe everybody!

Miss Stanton and Mrs Miller