

## Summer Term 2020 – Back to School ... but not as we know it!

Welcome to the Summer Term everyone! The most unusual start to a new term we have all ever experienced.

### Home Learning

Thank you for all the positive feedback regarding the Home Learning sheets Weeks 1-7.

In addition to these, on our Morville School website home page you will find lots more links to the best sites for online learning that our teachers recommend.

#### NEW! BBC materials

[https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zkc3bdm/pdf#sa-link\\_location=blocks&intlink\\_from\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fznwrcqt&intlink\\_ts=1587471346580-sa](https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zkc3bdm/pdf#sa-link_location=blocks&intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fznwrcqt&intlink_ts=1587471346580-sa)

#### NEW! Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources.

Backed by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown. Parents will be able to access up to **180 lessons a week**. The lessons will provide education for all school year groups from Reception through to year 10 and will be taught via a new Government-backed online platform:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

#### NEW! Guidance for Parents

On the 19<sup>th</sup> April the DFE released guidance on helping for parents of primary school pupils continue their education during school closures. Read the full document here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

It gives advice to parents about **structuring the day**, using digital resources and recommended activities for different age groups. It states:

***'No one expects parents to act as teachers, or to provide the activities and feedback that a school would.'***

***'Parents and carers should do their best to help children and support tier learning.'***

In terms of structuring the day, the guidance says

***'do not worry about trying to maintain a full routine for your child like they had at school'***

It recommends:

- Get up and go to bed at the same time each day
- Have regular meal times
- Have regular breaks

- Make time to be active – children are used to regular play at lunch and break times.

In terms of using digital devices, it recommends that parents

*'set appropriate parental controls on any devices your child is using and supervise their use of websites and apps'.*

The guidance goes through appropriate ways to work with **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** and it encourages:

- Sitting with them while they work and breaking down activities
- Talking and explaining new words
- Reading together and techniques for this
- Phonics
- Writing
- Numbers

The guidance goes through appropriate ways to work with **Year 3 -Year 6** and it encourages:

- Encouraging independent work, including active and practical things
- Talking about what they have learned
- Reading and asking questions about what they have read
- Writing
- There is some specific advice for Y6 parents about English, heritage, science, geography, 'BBC Bitesize' and 'TATE kids' ( art)