

Dear parents and carers,

your child will be completing assignments set by all of their teachers through Show My Homework (SMH) every week. In addition to this Distance Learning, they will also be able to access Enrichment activities for each subject, enabling them to develop their knowledge and understanding even further. These tasks are optional and are aimed to supplement the core curriculum and to help inspire and excite our students.

In addition to the subject-based lists on SMH please find a number of non-subject specific enrichment activities that we would recommend your child completes, where they have capacity to do so.

Reading

Reading is the single most helpful thing your child can do to support their studies across every subject. Reading challenging texts helps to develop their vocabularies and wider knowledge base.

Whilst it might be impossible to go to the local library at the moment, children can still read by accessing e-books, audiobooks, re-reading books that are in the house, reading educational texts online, reading news articles online, reading magazines or e-magazines. The list goes on and on!

A huge library of e-books (available as pdfs) and audiobooks are available here:
<https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go>

If you've got time: Sit down and read with your child for 30 minutes every day. Read to them, ask them to read to you. Enjoy a new or well-love story together. It doesn't really matter what is being read, just read.

Watching documentaries

There is much to be learned from watching documentary films on topics you have encountered previously, or ones that are completely new.

Links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/categories/documentaries/featured>

<https://www.channel5.com/genre/documentary>



If you've got time: watch a documentary film with your child. Ask them what they found most interesting, what were they surprised by, what they would like to know more about.

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Watching plays

Watching plays is a wonderful way to inspire. Watching classic productions such as Shakespeare helps us to understand the rich culture which we have all inherited.

The National Theatre is streaming a free full length play on Youtube every Thursday, available for 7 days:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUDq1XzCY0NIOYVJvEMQjgw>

If you've got time: choose a play to watch together. Ask your child what they enjoyed most about the production. What was their favourite scene, who was their favourite character and why?

Appreciating art

Art has formed a significant part in the development of our culture. Appreciating artefacts and pictures helps us to understand the world we live in.

12 world class museums, such as the British Museum, London and the Musée d'Orsay, Paris have opened up their catalogues to free, online access.

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

If you've got time: look through some of the collections together. Talk about your favourite pieces, how they make you feel, why the piece was created, what message does it try to convey?

Do some science experiments

Science helps to describe and explain the wonderful world around us. The Royal Institution website is packed full of information, lectures to watch and experiments to try at home.

<https://www.rigb.org/education/loreal-young-scientist-centre/activities-to-try>

If you've got time: choose one of these experiments and complete with your child.

Learn a new language

Now more than ever it feels that we are part of a global community. Learning a new language not only helps us communicate with others, it helps us understand different cultures and take our place in a worldwide society. Duolingo is a great place to start:

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

Of course, it doesn't have to be a spoken language. You could try to learn sign language:

<https://www.british-sign.co.uk/learn-online-british-sign-language-course/>

If you've got time: choose a language neither your child or you have ever learnt before. See if you can have a conversation in your new language next week!