

Hello families of Chestnut Class,

Huge thanks for your hard work in keeping your children active and learning these past two weeks! I'm really impressed by all the work you've done; if there are any projects your child really enjoyed, or any that you didn't get around to, these can be continued at your own pace.

We're now at the Easter break, so I would recommend relaxing your schedule of home learning a bit – but please remind children to continue reading for at least an hour a day, practising their times tables, and keep doing P.E. Activities!

Some other fun ideas you could try to carry on learning (and stay busy) during the break include:

**English:** Try some creative writing based on Literacy Shed prompts – watch the prompt, plan your writing, write, then edit and improve. (*Children will be used to this format – we've done this in class quite often!*)

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

**Maths:** White Rose home learning packs cover the year five maths curriculum, include instructional videos to explain the concepts involved, and can be printed out and used as worksheets.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Extra home learning resources for Maths and English, including printable worksheets, are available from the Hamilton Trust: <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/>

**Art:** Make an artist's sketchbook! This website shows how to make a sketchbook from scratch, and offers some ideas of what you could fill it with. The Tate Gallery website has also compiled a selection of ideas for home art projects inspired by the work of famous artists.

<https://www.accessart.org.uk/sketchbooks-an-online-course-for-children-families-parents-teachers/>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/make>

**Science:** The Royal Institute has a selection of simple experiments to try at home, with comprehensive video explanations. They're also running a live science lesson each week!

<https://www.rigb.org/families/experimental>

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, comments, finished work for feedback, or just to say hello! My email address is [j.mahon@kentshtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:j.mahon@kentshtown.camden.sch.uk).

Best regards,

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