



The Richard Clarke First School

School Closure - Learning Guidance (updated January 2023)

This information is to be used in the event that the school needs to close for a short period (e.g. 1 or 2 days) due to any number of reasons, for example:

- Weather (e.g. snow/ice)
- Power failure (including heating/electricity cuts)
- Industrial action

Remote Learning expectations are as follows:

- Reading. This could include your child's reading scheme book(s) and optional related activities in the home school diary. It may also include library books or books from home. Follow-up activities could include book reviews or character descriptions.
- Spellings. Children are likely to have spellings/phonics activities to practise or revisit. Depending on your child's class, these activities may be on the Google Classroom. There are lots of spelling support/phonics games online including Twinkl phonics and Spellzone.
- Writing. If children would like to practise writing they can complete a free write activity on a topic of their choice. Online stimuli can be found on websites such as Pobble365.
- Topic research. Your child will currently be studying a history or geography topic in class. They could find out more about this by conducting research. If the school closure takes place during a project-based GANAS half term, they could continue this.
- Maths. Children should access their Numbots or Times Tables Rock Stars account and take advantage of the many games and activities within. As usual, teachers will reward effort with certificates of achievement.
- Non-specific curriculum activities that would be of benefit include board games, memory games, playing in the snow (if it is a snow day), nature activities or bug hunts, physical exercise (walking, riding a bike), cooking etc.

All previous home learning activities remain on our Google Classroom and these can be revisited. Skills are always enhanced through the repetition model!

The above learning is not mandatory and is not expected to be handed in for feedback.

If the school closure is going to be longer than a few days, we will move to a more formalised remote learning plan via the Google Classroom as we have done during Covid related lockdowns. Further information will also be communicated via ClassDojo if needed.