

SEN interventions – home learning alternatives

Please use the following home learning activity ideas to support your child with any additional needs they may have. You will know if your child was receiving additional support in school following the recent parent consultation evening in March and if you received a personalised plan or intervention letter before school closures. If you would like any specific ideas regarding how your child can be supported at home whilst school is closed, please contact either your class teacher or Mrs Davies (Special Needs Co-ordinator) through the Dojo system.

All ideas in *italic font* in this document are downloadable files that have been saved to the SEN Home Learning section of the school website which can be located at www.lunsford.kent.sch.uk.

Intervention	Focus	Home learning activities
Communication and Interaction Needs		
Speech & language programme	Development of expressive and receptive language skills (see your child's programme for specific targets)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Auditory Memory Games</i> ideas to practise listening and auditory memory. - Use the <i>Conversation Practise Game / Conversation Cards</i> to practise good conversation skills - Use <i>Question cards for conversation practice</i> to practise verbal reasoning skills (you can adapt/make your own) - Use <i>What am I guessing game cards</i> to develop questioning and thinking skills (you can adapt/make your own) - Further speech and language activities are available using the Language Link parent portal: https://speechandlanguage.info/parents
Vocabulary support (aka. Pre-teach vocab)	Learning new vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Learning New Vocabulary powerpoint</i> to develop techniques to learn vocabulary - You can access free vocabulary activities and games at Twinkl: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/specialeducationalneeds-sen-speech-language-therapy/specialeducationalneeds-sen-speech-language-therapy-language/specialeducationalneeds-speech-language-therapy-word-order-vocabulary
Lego therapy	Listening skills Communication skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Brick Building Group Information Sheet / Lego Therapy Sentence Strips / Lego Therapy Useful Instruction Words</i> to find out

		<p>how you continue to provide support through the use of Lego/construction kits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the Building Bricks Rainbow activity to continue any art work you've been creating at home
Social skills	<p>Friendship skills</p> <p>Understand 'social rules' for behaviour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Social Detectives' – Use the <i>Social Detectives</i> sheet to talk about how using what we see, hear and feel helps us to understand a situation - Use the '<i>Good Friend Sorting Cards</i>' to support discussion about friendship skills - Search 'social skills' on Pinterest for more ideas to develop social skills at home
Cognition and Learning Needs		
Handwriting practise	<p>Correct formation of letters</p> <p>Developing speed and fluency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use <i>Handwriting warm-up exercise</i> to support fine motor activities to improve handwriting - Use the <i>Letter formation practise sheet</i> to support your child to correctly form their letters, then build up to writing neat words (this can be linked to spelling practise also)
1:1 reading	<p>Developing fluency when reading</p> <p>Understand and talk about what has been read</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Try to read daily with your child - Use the <i>Reading skills questions</i> to develop understanding of the text you are reading - Remember it is important for them to listen to texts too – have story time as a family/listen to audiobooks
Personalised maths	Development of key numeracy skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Playing number games with your child</i> for ideas of simple number games to can be used to support - See <i>Helping your child with number</i> for ideas - Play the <i>Doubles board game</i> to practise doubling skills (this could be adapted to more challenging numbers if required) - Use the <i>Number Bonds to 10 Beanstalk Activity</i> to practise quick recall of number bonds (this could be adapted to more challenging numbers if required e.g. bonds to 20, 50, 100)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Place Value Board Game</i> to develop place value skills - Online maths activities at: https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/number/
Personalised English	Development of key literacy skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Story Wheel</i> activity to develop understanding of events after reading a short story together - Use the <i>Story settings description</i> activity to develop setting descriptions (children could draw their own ideas) - Use <i>Simple Sentence Scramble Activity</i> for your child to re-order sentences (this could be adapted) - Online Literacy activities at: https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/literacy/ - Search 'writing activities' at https://www.twinkl.co.uk/ for more year group specific writing activities
Phonics	Recognise sounds (in each target phase) Read words containing target sounds Spell words containing target sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play free phonics games at https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/index.htm# - Parents can use the <i>Phonics glossary</i> to help understand some of the key terms - Search 'phonics' at https://www.twinkl.co.uk/ for more year group specific phonics activities
Nessy	Online phonics programme (see above for phonics focus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can continue to access the Nessy website for your child at https://www.nessy.com/uk/ If your child is registered at school you will have been sent an email with the log in details. If you are not registered with school, you can sign up for free.
Spelling support (aka. Precision Teaching)	Spell High Frequency Words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Practising Spelling at Home</i> and the <i>Spelling Challenge Cards</i> for different multi-sensory ideas to learn words - Use the <i>100 High Frequency Words List/Snake and Ladders HFW board game</i> to learn the most common words - Use the <i>100 High Frequency Words handwriting sheets</i> to practise spelling and handwriting skills

Memory skills	Develop visual/auditory memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Memory Game Ideas</i> bank to practise listening and auditory memory as well as visual memory - Play online memory games at https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/memory-games.html
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs		
Forest School	Team work and communication Exploring outside world Development of self-esteem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gardening at home; learning about the plants and how to care for them - Complete a <i>Senses scavenger hunt</i> in your garden - Use the <i>Outdoor Maths challenge cards</i> to develop maths skills in the natural world - Create mud paint using the <i>mud paint recipe</i> / create natural paint brushes using <i>DIY natural paintbrushes</i> activity - Create a natural jewellery using the <i>Leaf Necklace Activity for ideas</i> - Build a bug hotel. For ideas visit: https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/build-a-bug-hotel/ or https://gardentherapy.ca/build-a-bug-hotel/ - Visit the woodland trust for more outdoor activities: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/rainy-day-activities-kids/
Self-esteem programmes	Describe things I'm good at Develop positive qualities in myself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>I am an amazing person</i> activity to support your child to focus on their positive attributes - Use the <i>Self-Praise Jar</i> activity to create your own self-praise jar for your child to celebrate their qualities and talents - For more ideas to develop self-esteem visit https://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/self-esteem-character-building-activities-for-kids/ - Remember to visit https://youngminds.org.uk/ for further support

Emotional regulation support	Understand and recognise emotional states Develop strategies to calm and regulate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use <i>Emotions Face Discussion Cards</i> to discuss different emotions and how to recognise them/when they might be experienced - Use the <i>Ways to calm down</i> cards to create your own calm down kit. Use the blank one to come with some of your own suggestions. - Use the <i>Mindfulness Challenge cards</i> to help find ways to be mindful/calm - Use the <i>My Main Worries and Coping Strategies</i> ideas to support your child manage their fears/anxiety at this time. - Use the <i>Worry Box Instructions</i> to set up a worry box at home to encourage your child to share their concerns and support them to develop healthy coping strategies - Use the <i>How anxiety affects my body/ Stages of anger</i> to support children to learn about how to recognise their feelings
Social skills	Turn taking skills Communication Resilience (e.g. losing games)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play a range of board games as a family - There are some printable templates if needed: <i>Four in a row games/ rules, Snakes and Ladders, Guess Who</i>
Sensory and Physical Needs		
Typing practise	Locate letters on a standard keyboard at speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Typing practise at https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/text-type/text-type.html - Further online typing practise at: https://www.typingclub.com/ or BBC dance mat typing https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr
Clever Fingers	Strengthen finger muscles to improve pencil grip & handwriting Development of fine motor skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the <i>Clever fingers home intervention ideas</i> to find different activities from the programme you can do at home - Make your own fiddle toy (use <i>How to make your own fiddle toy</i>) or search DIY fiddle toy on Pinterest for more ideas. - Complete dot to dots - See handwriting activities in the cognition and learning section (see above)

Sensory breaks	Sensory regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use <i>Movement Break Visual cards</i> for movement break ideas- Read our <i>Sensory Circuit Parent Booklet</i> for more information and ideas of activities to set up at home- Use <i>Gross Motor Activity cards</i> to develop body control- Make your own sensory bottle using <i>Calming Glitter Sensory Bottle</i> or search sensory bottle ideas on Pinterest
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