

Dear Year 6 parents,

Following the email from Mrs Brown this morning, I would just like to say that Year 6 would love to hear from you. It has been very strange being at home (teaching your own children is rather different to teaching a class!) or in school with only a handful of pupils, and we have really missed the daily interaction with everyone in Year 6. We hope you are all keeping safe and managing being at home.

Please do email us to let us know how things are going and include pictures of work or activities done if you would like. We will get back to you, as appropriate, as soon as we can, but please do not expect an instant response. Please let us know how you are getting on with the activities from the *Work from Home* pack (these are intended as open ended tasks that can be done over a longer period of time and there is no expectation that everything on the sheet is completed and certainly not completed within a certain time frame). If my house is anything to go by, expectations about what can be achieved and indeed what needs to be achieved have had to be reassessed!

We have prepared a second *Work from Home* task sheet and this will soon be going live on the school website, but if you want it sooner, please just email me. We have also put together a collection of arithmetic, maths reasoning, reading, writing and SPaG (punctuation and grammar) activities (including extension activities) that are intended as a more structured week's worth of work. These too will be going live on the website soon, but if you would like them sooner, just email.

Getting the balance right between school work, trying to stay active and recreational activities is a challenge at the best of times, but more so in the situation we now find ourselves in. I had grand plans of my boys doing lots of structured work each day, but the reality has been slightly different! They have done some impressive work - I hope you had the pleasure last week of seeing what amazing things your children are capable of - but we have also (and perhaps just as importantly) spent a lot of time building things, drawing things and playing in the garden. A highlight was definitely the bobsleigh run the boys created down the slide in our garden using a washing basket! It is great if you are working with your child through some of the tasks provided, but it is even more important that you are staying safe and keeping sane!

For those children (and adults!) keen on a run, please check out the Northmead Morning Milers club on Strava – we would love to see you keeping active. Those of you who have already been logging your runs, 'great work' – it has been brilliant to see the runs you've done and has made me drag myself out in the evening to exercise! Keep it up.

Please stay safe in these challenging times and do get in contact with us all.

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