Dear Mulberry and Juniper Class,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during these tricky times. I have attached some activities for you to try this next week at home with your families. It would be lovely if you could try some of them, and maybe even post some of your activities on to our school Twitter or Facebook pages. If you need any help, don’t forget you can ask an adult to e-mail the school to get a request to me: closed@willowwood.cheshire.sch.uk

There are links to different games and activities in various areas of the curriculum. Some of the links suggest that they are ‘tablet-friendly’. All of the resources are free, but some of them may require a parental e-mail to log in to (GoNoodle for some free home exercise is one!). Many companies on-line are offering free resources during this extended period of home-learning, so please do check them out. BBC Bitesize is starting new lessons from this week.

I hope to see you all soon, but in the meantime please remember to keep reading, practising your times tables, practising your handwriting, and checking up on school’s social media.

Mrs Millar and Mrs Williams

 Mulberry and Juniper Summer Term Learning Challenge, week 1

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| **Learning Project WEEK 1 - My Family** |
| **Age Range: Y3/4** |
| **Weekly Maths Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)**  | **Weekly Reading Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)** |
| * Working on times tables, there are a variety of games online. Here is a selection: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
* This game states it is tablet friendly too to practise your times tables: [ten pin bowling](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/504/Super-Maths-Bowling-Multiplication)
* Play on [Hit the Button](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button) - focus on number bonds, halves, doubles and times tables.
* Adding totals of the weekly shopping list or some work around money. This [game](http://flash.topmarks.co.uk/4020) could support work on adding money.
* Practise telling the time. This could be done through this [game](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time) (scroll down to access the game). Read to the quarter hour and the nearest 5 minutes.
* Get a piece of paper and ask your child to show everything they know about **Addition**. This could be pictures, diagrams, explanations, methods etc. They can be as creative as they want to be.
* Practise counting forwards and backwards from any given number in **1s.**
 | * You could share a story together. This could be a chapter book where you read and discuss a chapter a day.
* Listen to your child read and let them discuss what they have read. Encourage them to read with expression and intonation.
* Watch [Newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround) and discuss what is happening in the wider world.
* Get your child to read a book on [Oxford Owl](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/), discuss what your child enjoyed about the book.
* Investigate some of the [comprehension](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/english-main-subjects-parents/reading-comprehension-english-main-subjects-parents/reading-comprehension-year-3-ages-7-8-english-main-subjects-parents) reading resources on the free ‘Twinkl’ site. Ask your child to complete part or a whole activity.
* Explore new vocabulary you find when reading. What are the origins of this word? Can it be modified? Can you find any synonyms or antonyms for your new word?
* With your child, look in magazines, newspapers and books for new vocabulary they are unfamiliar with. They could use a highlighter to highlight in magazines and newspapers.
* Read this [story](https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/) about the Coronavirus. It’s free and is illustrated by Axel Scheffler (*The Gruffalo* amongst others).
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| **Weekly Spelling Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)** | **Weekly Writing Tasks (Aim to do 1 per day)** |
| * Practise the Year 3/4 for [Common Exception](http://www.crosslee.manchester.sch.uk/serve_file/253974) words**.**
* Practise your spelling using the ‘Look, Say, Write, Cover, Check’ method and [game](http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/lcwc/index.html).
* Practise your spelling on[**Spelling Frame**](https://spellingframe.co.uk/)
* Choose 5 Common Exception words. Write synonyms, antonyms, the meaning and an example of how to use the word in a sentence. Can the word be modified?
* Choose 5 Common Exception words and practise spelling them using forwards backwards. Write the word forwards then write the words backwards, e.g. **forwards sdrawrof**
 | * Write a recount of your day. This could be used in history one day to show what happened during this period.
* Write a character description of a member of their family. What do they look like? How do they behave? etc...
* Write a story involving members of their family. Do they have to defeat a monster? or find something they have lost?
* Write a set of family rules, could they begin with ‘We always…..’ rather than ‘We do not ………’?
* Write a letter/email/ text message to a member of their family that they have not seen this week.
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| **Learning Project - to be done throughout the week** |
| **The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to gain a better understanding of their own family. Learning may focus on what different makeup of families, what traditions your family has, stories linked to your family etc.*** **Let’s Wonder:**

Who is in your child’s immediate family? What other relatives do they have? How does their family link together? How many people do they have in their family? Why not spend timelooking through old photos and talking about the people in their families? What family stories can they tell? How is life different to their parents and/or grandparents?* **Let’s Create:**

Create a piece of artwork entitled ‘Family’ and maybe share it on our school social media pages. This could be a drawing, a self-portrait, a sculpture or collage. Could they copy another artist's style? Which materials have they chosen to use and why? How do they feel about their piece of artwork? What would they change or not? [Family portraits.](https://www.google.com/search?q=paintings+of+families&tbm=isch&ved=2ahUKEwjyxPvMkZjoAhUDihoKHZwrBUAQ2-cCegQIABAA&oq=paintings+&gs_l=img.1.0.0i67l4j0l6.24000.27695..30116...1.0..0.140.1054.10j2......0....1..gws-wiz-img.....0..0i131.mm9IJBBvfqc&ei=lthrXvKhIIOUapzXlIAE&rlz=1C1RUCY_enGB687GB688&safe=strict)* **Be Active:**

[Go Noodle](https://www.gonoodle.com/) with the family or have a family workout. Fancy a dance? There are lots of dance videos they could try. [Dance](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-9Sm6_yE98). Maybe try some [Yoga](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-BS87NTV5I&vl=en). ***Recommendation at least 2 hours of exercise a week.**** **Time to Talk:**

Perhaps they could play a board game, facetime a member of their family they have not seen this week, enjoy a family indoor picnic or have a family dinner. * **Understanding Others and Appreciating Differences:**

Discuss how their family is different to other people’s families. Discuss whether all families are the same? Does it matter? Do all families have the same faith? Do all families worship in the same way?* **Reflect:**

Find out what music their family members enjoy. Do they like the same music? What is their favourite song? They could listen to different pieces of music together with their family. Do they like/dislike any particular types of music and why? Can they identify the instruments they can hear and describe how the music makes them feel? Why not get them to listen to some of the more famous [classical](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VB1RvyfISM) pieces? |
| **Additional learning resources parents may wish to engage with** |
| [**Classroom Secrets Learning Packs**](https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/) **-** These packs are split into different year groups and include activities linked to reading, writing, maths and practical ideas you can do around the home. [**Twinkl**](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer/UKTWINKLHELPS?utm_source=promo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=England_coronavirus_schools_email&utm_content=offer_link) **-** to access these resources click on the link and sign up using your own email address and creating your own password. Use the offer code UKTWINKLHELPS. [**Headteacherchat**](https://www.headteacherchat.com/post/corona-virus-free-resources-for-teachers-and-schools) - This is a blog that has links to various learning platforms. Lots of these are free to access. [**Bitesize**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) – From 20th April, BBC Bitesize is offering a variety of daily lessons across all subjects to help children learning at home. |
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