

Leicester Road School – Letter and tips

Dear Grade 4 Parents

The grade 4 teachers wish you and your families all the best over this lock down period. We are missing your children and hope they and you are all staying safe.

We have uploaded answers to all the holiday pack worksheets to make it easier for you to help your child with the work.

During this time please ensure your child has a routine.

- Children must do their Maths and English GDE books. They must keep up with the weeks. By the end of the lockdown they should be finished week 3.
- It is important your child reads every day.
- They need to read for at least 30 minutes a day.
- Writing down words they do not know the meaning of, and writing the definition next to these, will help build their vocabulary and spelling skills.
- They must also practise their times tables - the faster they are able to learn them, the easier it is for them in Mathematics. Learning times tables is like learning basic spelling in English.

Your child should also write a journal every day. This could help them become in touch with their feelings and help them deal with emotions. This will also help improve their writing skills.

Your child also needs a creative outlet. They need to be able to design and make things, draw things, cook etc. Here are a few ideas:

1. Children love playing games. They are very good at designing board games and could do just this. Here are a few pointers when designing a board game: Every game needs rules. Every game needs a way in which there could be a winner. Every game needs turns. A dice could be used but another way of moving could be thought of.
2. A collage board could be made of all the things they could do after the lockdown.
3. Children in all countries are putting hearts in the windows to tell the essential workers how grateful they are for the work they are doing. The children could design their own hearts with messages of gratitude on them.
4. Children all over the world are also drawing or making rainbows to put in their windows to cheer up passers-by. These pictures are meant to offer a message of hope to the public during the Coronavirus lockdown. They have primarily been drawn by children urging people to keep optimistic and stay strong, with rainbows showing that the sun follows heavy rainfall.

We have searched the web and found a couple of very useful sites. These sites can aid your child in keeping up-t- date with their education in addition to the holiday pack we have given.

- <http://stories.audible.com/start-listen> this site has audible books for all ages. It is good to rest your eyes. Ears are not used as much these days, this will kick start listening skills.
- <http://www.education.com/games/?cid=11.2108> Your children will love learning with these math and reading games.
- <http://www.thunderboltkids.co.za> this website is for Natural Science and Technology. The book 4A is a very good book to go through for Natural Sciences and Technology curriculum. Life and Living is term 1 and Matter and Materials is term 2. Children may do the activities in the books to help them. I suggest to start with term 1 and carry on to term 2.

- <http://taronga.org.au/taronga-tv> The zoo in Sydney has footage of all the animals for the children 24/7.
- <http://www.worksheetcloud.com/live/> has online lessons nearly every day. A teacher does an online lesson and a worksheet is given out after it is completed. If you miss the lesson you can look for it on YouTube under worksheet cloud grade 4.
- <http://www.vodacom.co.za/vodacom/services/vodacom-e-school>. This site also is good to visit every day.

Some parents might be concerned that their children will not be taught as they are at Leicester Road. Please do not worry. We will be able to correct any misinformation or misunderstanding when we return back to school.

Kind Regards

The Grade 4 teachers.