



Home Learning and Staying Connected



Each week we will be sending our 'new look' newsletter to keep you up to date with any news and developments.

Firstly I would like to thank you all very much for the support you are providing for your children with their home learning. The work that is being shared with us on Tapestry is great to see. Now we have settled into our new routines I would like to give some guidance of what types of things can be shared over the course of the week. This will ensure that the staff are able to assess progress from your child and support you with next steps in learning.

Reading: Engaging with reading can be done in so many ways. It could be through sharing some phonics work, a short clip of your child reading or a picture or piece of writing about their favourite book or character. The staff are able to award reading rockets electronically so let teachers know when they have met milestones in reading. I have listed these later in the newsletter.

Writing: Please keep supporting your child with their writing as much as possible. This might be through story writing where the children are engaged in written activities which develop progressively over the week. You might complete some handwriting activities or label pictures as part of topic work. Sending the children's writing regularly to teachers will help them to guide you through later pieces of work giving the children 'next steps' to think about in their work.

Maths: It has been great to see a range of maths activities come in across the week. This can take a variety of forms and could be some practical work or Numbots engagement alongside the written work. Again we will send Numbots certificates electronically.

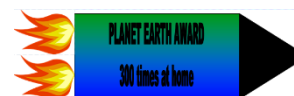
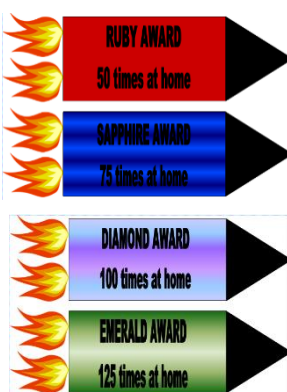
Topic: Additional topic activities are listed at the bottom of each weeks learning overview. We try to make these as practical as possible for you. I know Year 1 have been completing some exciting science experiments recently. Keeping active through online PE sessions with Joe Wicks or following suggestions from staff is a great way to keep moving.

We will be sending out a parent questionnaire which should allow us to gather your views on us as a school, both reflecting on last term and our current remote learning provision. Your views are important to us and help us to refine our approaches with you.

The most popular way of connecting with parents is through Facebook and Twitter. It is on these platforms that we can signpost you to useful resources and celebrate all the wonderful work that is going on across our school community.

If you have not already, please like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on Twitter

Reading Rocket Awards



Congratulations

**To
Daisy in Swifts for
reading 100 times.
and
Nahla in Kingfishers for
reading 30 times**



CONGRATULATIONS

Kingfishers	Swifts	Swallows
Charlie S Freddie Isabelle Alexis	Evie Scarlet B Finley Tommy	Robyn Leo Lara Harvey Betty Amber

Contacting the school office

If you need to contact the school office please email hello@biscoveyinfants.org.uk or call 01726 812006. Please remember that we are unable to respond to questions and queries via social media.

Free School Meals Update

Aspire are currently processing Wonde vouchers to cover the period up to end of w/c 11th January as the government's Edenred voucher scheme runs from w/c 18th January. We ask you to please bear with us a little longer as this takes time to process. Thank you for your enduring patience and support. It's much appreciated.

If your financial circumstances have changed you may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link below and complete the [online form](#). If you are unable to apply online, please call the Free School Meals team on 01872 323298

In the meantime, Pauline Giles, our local Community Councillor, is offering food boxes to families in need. Please contact hello@biscoveyinfants.org.uk to register your interest and we will be in touch with a collection date.

Online Safeguarding through Lockdown

As the majority of our children are now at home accessing their learning online, can I please take this opportunity to remind you of a few key pointers aimed at keeping your child safe.

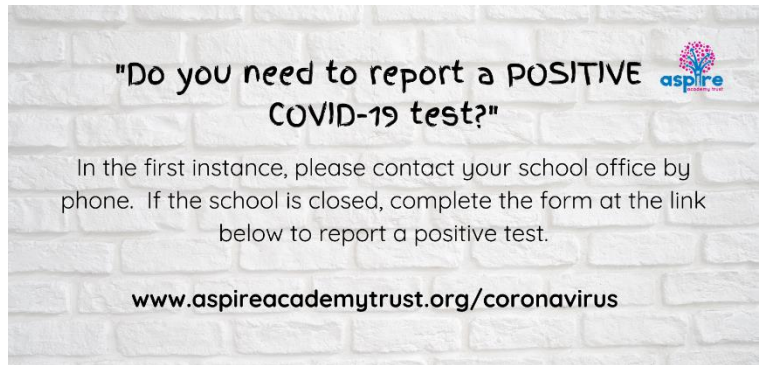
1. **Do not give out username/password details to anyone.** If you are having issues logging in to any of our systems, please contact the school to help you resolve this.
2. **Online Supervision.** With many of you having the difficult task of working from home and supervising your child's learning at the same time, it is inevitable that there are periods of time where children may be working unsupervised. For this reason, it is important to have parental controls set up to ensure that any online activity is age appropriate.
3. **Parental Communication.** All communication to parents will come through the usual channels of email, text or telephone call.

Keyworkers

We strongly advise that parents/carers DO NOT use a critical worker place if there is another adult at home, even if you are entitled to. The national lockdown is intended to minimise community transmission. It will not do this if parents send their children to school just because they can.

Critical worker provision is ONLY for parents who have NO OTHER CHILDCARE OPTION. Using this provision if another option is available will mean that someone who is in need may be struggling to provide care for their child. It also means it will take longer for us to come out of lockdown, as transmission will be higher than it needs to be.

Parents are asked to consider others and ONLY use their local school service if it is imperative to do so.



Thank you for your support and stay safe everyone