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The Learning Project – PHASE TWO

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Why have Learning Projects been created?

Learning Projects have been created as a result of the nationwide shutdown of schools due to the Coronavirus outbreak across the UK. We fully acknowledge that the Learning Projects cannot replace the quality of learning your child receives at school however, the aim of the projects is that all children can access them to maximise their learning whilst at home.

Initially, we shared Phase 1 with you and we are pleased to let you know that the Robin Hood MAT (who developed the first set of projects) have now released phase 2. They have partnered with STEM Learning and Warwickshire Library Service to provide a broad and balanced learning experience for your child based on a combination of offline and online learning. The Learning Projects signpost to many excellent online resources which are all free - for some of these you may need to set up a free account with the online provider there is no cost to access the resource at this time.

What are the aims of the Learning Projects?

- To create age specific learning opportunities for primary school children.
- To create a resource for parents that is easy to access and use - the focus is on parents being able to help deliver the content or children accessing it independently.
- Key learning is linked to the National Curriculum.
- To enable children to continue with their learning at home during an enforced shutdown.
- To enable families to focus on a joint topic and theme to promote family wide learning.
- To provide structure and focus to each day that an enforced shutdown occurs.
- To centralise online learning resources and links into an easy to manage format for families.

How do I use the Learning Projects?

As a parent your first step is to select the age range linked to the year group your child is in. There are eight weeks worth of projects that are available in Phase 2 (A-H) and whilst they have been created with an order in mind you do not have to follow this. It may be that you look at the table below and decide that your child or if you have more than one, children, would prefer to spend a week on the space theme in the first week rather than in the week seven as suggested - this is totally fine. You then download the project and begin following it. The aim is for you to complete a minimum of two hours of learning a day with your child but this is very much your parental choice and you may wish for your child to do more.

What happens if my child finds the learning too difficult?

Our first piece of advice to parents is that ALL children find elements of learning challenging at times so try not to worry if your child becomes stuck and you cannot explain it to them. If this happens then make a note of what they found hard and move onto another learning activity - the school will cover any misconceptions when we return. The Learning Projects which have been designed are based on the National Curriculum expectations for the year group which your child is in. It may be that your child finds the tasks set within the Learning Project for their year group too challenging, for example if they have additional learning needs. If this is the case, then we advise that your child accesses the Learning Projects which are set to the age range

below, for example a child in Year 3/4 could attempt the KS1 Learning Project if this is more appropriate for them.

The Learning Project Overview

The table below shows the Learning Project for each age range. You can download all of them by clicking on the buttons on the website.

Week	EYFS (Reception)	KS1 (Year 1 and 2)	LKS2 (Year 3 and 4)	UKS2 (Year 5 and 6)
A	Under the Sea	Under the Sea	Under the Sea	Under the Sea
B	Sport	Sport	Sport	Sport
C	The Rainforest	The Rainforest	The Rainforest	The Rainforest
D	Famous Significant People	Famous Significant People	Famous Significant People	Famous Significant People
E	Around the World	Around the World	Around the World	Around the World
F	Music	Music	Music	Music
G	Space	Space	Space	Space
H	Transport	Transport	Transport	Transport

How have the Learning Projects been selected?

We have adapted the Learning Projects from projects created by The Robin Hood MAT who used specialist curriculum designers from across their Trust to create the Learning Projects. Where necessary, the projects have been altered to ensure they are relevant to our local context and all of the links within the projects have been tested to ensure that they work and are free to access (unless your child already has a login for them e.g. Times Table Rockstars).

Phase 1 or Phase 2?

If you are working through Phase 1 of The Learning Projects, you may wish to carry on with these but, having looked at Phase 2, we feel that these are better than Phase 1 as improvements have been made following the Robin Hood MAT surveying parents and schools. We particularly like that Phase 2 of the projects now have a daily structure which we feel makes them easier to follow. To try and avoid confusion, we have lettered Phase 2 rather than numbered them so that you don't get muddled between the phases. If you have any issues with accessing or using the projects, please send an email to admin@stradbroke.suffolk.sch.uk and we will endeavour to resolve your issue.