



Monday 30th March.

Good Morning Reception children, parents and carers.

As we are all aware under the direction of the government, last week was the first week that schools were closed to anyone that was not a keyworker. This had us all wondering how we are going to manage working from home, home schooling, buy food, understand social distancing, look after ourselves and our family ... 'everything' during this time of unknown.

Parents and carers -

- You do not need to recreate school at home.
- This is new to us all, be kind and patient with yourself.
- Have a routine, but be flexible, you know your child/ren best. Do what works for you and your family.
- Work little and often - work hard for 20 minutes, then give yourself a break, whatever works for you!
- Ask for help - speak to your friends, family, other parents and YOUR child's TEACHER - we are still here for you! cloomes@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk lgifford@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk
- Take things as they come.

We all need to recognise that this is not a holiday. We are staying at home to save lives and we are taking that responsibility seriously. While at home, use this time to focus on helping your children learn important life skills that perhaps you have often felt too busy to work on. Things like doing chores, cooking, cleaning, doing some art and crafts, science, mental maths, music, and if possible going outside as a family whilst adhering to the Government guidelines.

The packs we have sent home and daily challenges we send are suggestions and ideas to support you, activities to dip in and out of. They are not meant to add to your worries. If you do them GREAT, let us know how the challenge went. Email, send us pictures, videos, messages and/or post on our Facebook page. **Oxhey wood Reception 2020** BUT please do not feel pressured to do so.

Find learning opportunities in everyday things and do so with love. When things get to be a little too much and you need a break...take it! These times are trying enough. Please do not put more needless pressure on yourselves and on your children. **Remember, our children may not remember what they learned during this pandemic, but they will remember how they felt.** This is new to us all and we are all in it together!

Today's challenge ...if you wish to accept it is:

Learn to play Fold overs - <https://www.instructables.com/id/Fun-Monster-Drawing-Game/>

Tuesdays challenge, Sight word Bingo - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDi0yzZOVsc>

Parents, **this week when you do the washing** get your child to help put the clothes away.

Place unpaired socks 5 steps away from a box. Player runs up, matches a pair and throws them in the box. How many can you do in 60 seconds?

<https://www.facebook.com/YouthSportTrust/photos/a.668845849793745/3167537629924542/?type=3&theater>

If you have a lot of washing get them to sort it into piles of each person's washing.

Time them, make it a game / race.

Whatever you chose to do this week...HAVE FUN.