



Ashley Junior School

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1st May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for embracing the learning so positively over the last two weeks. We have been thrilled with the invention, creativity and diligence you and your children have shown. We do appreciate how tricky this is – especially with the recent weather – so please remember we are here to help. The timetable is just a suggestion. If your child is fractious or weary, give them a short break from the learning and let them re-charge or break the sessions up with some physical activity.

Attached is the menu for learning created by Teachers for the next **three** weeks – taking us to half term - along with a suggested daily timetable. The overall Topic is 'What a Wonderful World'. Each column has a theme. You can follow the column or you can select from different columns – we don't mind. **This menu is intended to last for 3 weeks** and then there will be a new topic and new choices.

As the timetable suggests, alongside the Choice Menu your child should continue on a daily basis to:

- Access Reading Plus or Lexia to support progress in reading
- Use Mathletics so there is regular practise with maths concepts
- Use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' to practise number
- Learn spellings – either the High frequency words or the 3/4 or 5/6 spelling lists

These provide regular and bespoke practise in key skills and will be monitored regularly by your child's teacher.

In addition to this there are a couple of other things you might want to get involved in:

- We had planned to have a lovely VE Day celebration at school where we invited former pupils and local residents to a big party – it was planned as part of our 80th birthday celebrations. Sadly, that can't happen. However, you might like to take a look at the special **VE Day learning grid** that has a wonderful range of activities so we can commemorate and celebrate such a marvellous event.
- Mrs. Pounds has created a Design Competition for a new, whole school, front cover for our Reading Journals. Have a look at the details on the page she has created. We would love to see lots of designs – use your amazingly creative brains and see what you can create!

Can I remind you about the e-safety pages that Mr. Cousins has created. Your children are possibly spending more time than usual on their devices and the advice here is extremely helpful. <http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/e-safety-for-parents/>

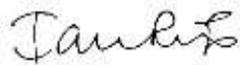
We would also recommend that you register with the **National Online Safety** site that we belong to as a school. It is **free** and all you have to do is go to <http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/ashley-junior-school> and register.

When registering you will be asked what kind of user you are and you just need to select **Parent**.

Your child/ren are receiving lots of practice in their key skills – and we hope the menu choices inspire and enthuse.

Please do keep sending your photos of your children learning and having fun. We are all so isolated, and seeing the learning that is taking place genuinely brings us much joy and a connection that we are all missing. Similarly, if you have any feedback – things that are going well and things that are a challenge – it would be great to hear from you.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything – we will do all we can to help. We hope that all is well with you and your loved ones. Keep in touch with us and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Rix', with a stylized flourish at the end.

IAN RIX
Headteacher