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Learning from home – useful websites and Purple Mash – Year 4

Dear Parents/Carer,

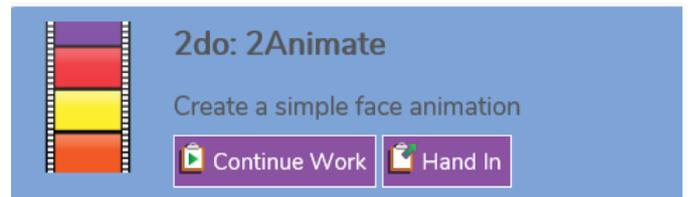
We hope that this email finds everyone safe and in good health. This past week has been a very unusual one in these extraordinary times and we hope that the children have been able to settle into a routine that involves some time to relax and play, but also learning time using the packs we provided and the useful websites. This letter will give you some more useful websites that can be used and further guidance on how to effectively navigate Purple Mash.

Purple Mash

Once logged in to Purple Mash, work set will be found under the icon in the top left of the screen called '**To do's**'. The first task was set on Wednesday 25th March 2020 and has to be completed by **next Wednesday** and should be under your child's 'To do' icon. Going forward, tasks on Purple Mash **will be set every Monday and Wednesday, with each having a hand in date for the following week**. These activities will be linked to a range of subject areas in school from history (**e.g. The Egyptians**) to ICT (**Creating a moving animation**) to Science (**The digestive system**).

Please make sure that once complete with the Purple Mash 'To do' task, your child officially 'hands in' their work by first saving it then going back on to their 'To do's' and clicking the 'hand in' button. If you 'hand in' the work then we know that

it is complete, and we can look through it and leave a small comment. Unfortunately, we cannot mark to the same level as in school and children should not expect long, detailed comments left by their teacher.



Other useful websites

www.topmarks.co.uk – This is a super and free website that we use in school, particularly for maths games. Once you are on the website, use the 'search' bar and type in any mathematical discipline (**e.g. Multiplication, division, time, fractions, rounding etc.**) and lots of games will come up to play. Look at the targeted age-range of the games and choose ones that are suitable. Be aware that lots of the games can be made easier or harder when launched and there are different options to differentiate the game and its difficulty.

Children can practise their timetables to 12x12 using '**Hit the Button**' or can do their number bonds or times tables on '**The Daily 10**'. For division children can play '**Division Millionaire**' which is based on 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire'. There are plenty of addition and subtraction games such as '**Dartboard Addition**' and good fraction games include '**Fraction Wall**' where children can find fractions equivalent to a half or one third, or '**Equivalent Fractions**' game with Dick and Dom.



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www.boredteachers.com – If you go on this website you can scroll down the main screen and find '**50 Online Art and Music Resources to Help Kids Learn and Create from Home**'. On here are some activities and ideas for art and music learning the children can get involved in.

www.youtube.com – For P.E the children who are in school have loved getting involved with Joe Wicks and his fitness workout every morning live streamed on YouTube at 9am.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/> - There is a free daily audio story by David Walliams.

<https://code.org/> - For ICT and mathematical/problem solving games code.org is great and free. Once on the website scroll down and click on '**hour of code**'. From there, children can code games such as Flappy Code, Minecraft or even a Star Wars coding game.

<https://apliteracy.com/> - This is a super website from Alison Philipson who has worked on writing and reading with Bradford schools, including Low Ash, for a number of years. Once you have accessed the website, scroll down and click on '**Children's Hub**'. From there click on your child's year group and the date of the task you want to do. Once a week there will be a '**story time**' video, a '**reading task**' video, which includes either reading along with expression or comprehension questions and a link to a '**writing task**' based on Grammar. The '**writing task**' must be accessed on a device that has Microsoft Word, if you are unable to do this then do not worry.

<https://theweekjunior.co.uk/activity-hub> - Your child will likely be familiar with '**The Week Junior**' as Low Ash subscribe to it and get weekly magazines that we use across school for different purposes. Currently, they are offering a **free activity hub** which does not require you to sign up or register for. On this hub there are some enjoyable ideas for crafting, cooking, designing and making. Hopefully, this will update weekly with new ideas and activities to be done.

As well as these, the children will also have their reading comprehension and other learning resources in their packs. **My Maths** will be set weekly and they can also access **TT Rockstars** using their logins.

We hope you find this useful and continue to stay safe and continue learning from home.

Thank you for your continued support.

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