Dear Parents/ Guardians of Primary 1, 

Welcome to Online Learning!

Each week, a plan of activities and the accompanying resources will be available on the school website for you to use with your children. There will be 1 Numeracy and 1 Literacy lesson per day outlined for you. As ‘Literacy’ is a huge area of the curriculum, these lessons will either be phonics based, story/comprehension based, and linked in with our topics in World Around Us.

We recognise that this is a challenging time for both adults and children, and know that it may be difficult to engage and focus children in their homes. We recognise too that many parents will be trying to work from home themselves and it can be a struggle to complete everything. These plans are flexible, and ‘lessons’ can be done as best suits your schedule. We know too that internet access, printer access etc can prove problematic also!

These plans and resources are best viewed as a means to try and retain some of the progress we have made this year, and each child will be different. Feel free to adapt learning activities described in the planner to best suit your child’s individual learning needs (see page 2 of this letter for more information on how to do this).

We hope you find everything clear and easy to follow.

We miss having the children in school but are glad they are safe at home and with their families.

We wish everyone the very best during this time & hope to see everyone safe and well ‘on the other side’.

From everyone at Primary 1 in the CBS, Armagh.

**Reading**

Free levelled reading books are available at the following website:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Reading to your child remains of enormous value and we would encourage you to continue reading stories and books (and discussing the story etc) whenever possible. Please see detailed notes on this entitled “ Registering and Using Oxford Owl for Guided Reading” for a step by step guide.

**Sentence Writing**

It is important for children to begin to use their ‘wordbank’ of familiar words from their pink/red lists as much as possible. In school, sentence writing is very repetitive initially:

**Eg it is a (child sticks in picture)**

 **it is a (child sticks in picture)**

as children become familiar with learning how to copy, form each letter, finger spaces and layout. At this time in the year, we generally would be encouraging them to try slightly less repetitive sentences:

**eg it is a (picture)**

 **I can see a (picture)**

 **Look at the (picture)**

This is of course, subject to how your child is getting on and how familiar they are with their words. If they need to use the more repetitive style, that is totally ok. **We do not want children becoming upset/ frustrated when completing any work. You will know yourself which suits your child best.**

**Numeracy**

We are now working with larger groups of numbers and will soon be adding these together. **If your child is not confident with these larger groups, feel free to use smaller sets of numbers. Again, you will know what suits your child best.**

**Play**

A large part of P1 is learning through practical and fun learning experiences. Please continue to play with your child – and adapt any “work” activities as you see fit to make them more interesting! Children learn best when happy and relaxed and making lovely memories with your children during such a difficult time will help all families**.**

**Good Luck from everyone in P.1 😊**