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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has not been long since the last newsletter, but Mrs Hill has asked me to send this one out today to highlight to you two new initiatives which should be of great help with home learning. The first is an addition to the BBC Bitesize Online. I have included here the whole promotional notice so that none of the details are missed.

BBC Bitesize Daily

Every day, 6x20' programmes, Bitesize Daily, will air on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button targeting six age groups, from 5 to 14, where teachers, experts and famous faces cover off what that age group should be learning that day. Each programme will be available on BBC iPlayer as well as having its own regular slot on BBC Red Button aiding routine and daily structure.

From Bitesize Daily, parents and children will be directed online to BBC Bitesize for an age appropriate 'daily drop' of specially curated videos, quizzes, podcasts and worksheets to bring to life core curriculum subjects such as Maths, English and Science. As well as being offered suggestions on how to extend learning around the home.

These shows are aimed at all children across the UK and split into age groups 5-7 years, 7-9 years, 9-11 years, 11-12, 12-13 years and 13-14 years

Bitesize Daily Online

Bitesize Daily Online will deliver a newly created Maths and English lesson every day, for each year group from 1-10. Resources from BBC Bitesize, other parts of the BBC, and trusted education providers, are being brought together to create these easy-to-follow daily lessons in the core subjects. As well as offering resources in Maths, English and Science, parents and children will find resources for other subjects such as history, geography and art. The online content will also complement the daily broadcast with video, quizzes, infographics and articles that help children build on the learning from each broadcast. The website will also house guides offering help to parents about how to teach their child, advice for effective home schooling, and guides for pupils with SEN (Special Education Needs).

On social media, parents will be able to access further advice about teaching via [BBC Bitesize Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) which will be updated regularly with helpful guides



BBC iPlayer

BBC iPlayer will serve up specially curated content to showcase the very best curriculum-related videos and programmes. Organised by year group and subject, it will be easy for children to find and navigate further support for their learning.

BBC Sounds

Two brand new daily education podcasts will be available on BBC Sounds aimed at parents of primary and secondary pupils. Each episode will last around ten minutes and will be a guide to help families home schooling find content on the BBC that supports their education and wellbeing. Both podcasts - BBC Bitesize Primary Planner and BBC Bitesize Secondary Planner - will be available on voice devices too.

The second new initiative is the Oak National academy www.thenational.academy , which is a government supported online classroom, catering for all age groups. You could use this facility in one of two ways: you can either follow the entire schedule as it is written on the site, or you can search the site for lessons to support the content of the learning packages the teachers have posted on our website. For subjects other than English and Maths there may be some crossover between years one and two, but does not matter in so far as they are supporting packages planned by staff.

The Big Night In

Lastly, as we normally support Children in Need, and this is a joint initiative with Comic Relief, many of the staff intend to support this event (www.comicrelief.com.com/big-night-in). We were hoping that the children might like to join in by dressing up as a hero (superhero/ their hero) and emailing a photo of themselves dressed up so that we can make a montage of photos for our website. Maybe some of the staff will join in with this too!!

I hope you are all keeping safe and well, and I look forward to photographs of heros.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Razey