

Dear parents and carers,

Everyone at Eastfield appreciates what a strange and difficult time we are living in right now and the extra challenges that have been placed upon you for the education of your children. We want to be as supportive as we can and provide guidance on a manageable curriculum of activities that you can coordinate from your homes. Every week, we will be uploading a new weekly timetable to the [Year 4 curriculum page on the school website](#).

You will all have busy lives so we completely understand that you may not be able to follow this timetable rigidly. The times are merely a guide and the activities are suggestions. When at school, your children are accustomed to following a timetable day in and day out, so some form of daily learning routine could help them to feel secure in the coming weeks. We hope you will find this valuable. The timetable is a PDF document and should open on computers, iPads and android and IOS phones. We have envisaged that children will either work on a computer, print the documents to work from or use pencil and paper. We would also really like to see some of the work that the children produce. So, it would be great if their best pieces were uploaded, in the form of a picture or video, onto Twitter (tagging Eastfield Primary) You will also be receiving weekly correspondence from your child's class teacher, by phone call. This communication will be useful to clarify any of the activities you are less sure about and help tailor the learning to your child's personal next steps.



Purple Mash

This is an online learning platform we are using and each child has an individual login and password. Teachers will communicate with pupils using the daily blog. Teachers may also set 'To Do's' for pupils to complete on Purple Mash. Click the icon to access the site.

Guide to the timetable

Before 9am

We have scheduled in an important part to the day which is a morning routine. We feel that it is important for the children to be dressed and ready to learn, enhancing their focus and attitude towards the day!

9:00-9:15- Morning Workout!

It is an excellent idea to start the day in an active way, especially because your children will have less access to large outdoor spaces. Each day the timetable starts with an active activity to energise the children and prepare them for the day ahead. Physical activity not only has a great impact upon a child's fitness but also their attitude and mental well-being.

9:15-9:45- Reading

It is essential that your child reads throughout this period. Reading allows children to become immersed in imagination, experience a range of emotions and acquire skills and knowledge. Each week, we will direct reading activities and the texts they should read for all pupils. Throughout the week, the children will be given different activities linked to the text to improve their comprehension skills. Children love to listen to fluent readers, so it would also be lovely for adults in the household to read to children too.



Children have access to **Bug Club**, our online reading platform where children can read lots of ebooks which have been matched to their level. Throughout the books there are quiz questions for your child to answer. Teachers are able to see how well your child is progressing once questions have been attempted. Click the icon to access the site.

There are also many authors who read their own books on Youtube. A few examples can be found below:

[David Walliams – Awful Auntie](#)

[Storyline Online](#)

[Michael Rosen- Chocolate Cake](#)

[JK Rowling- Her favourite passages](#)

[Matilda](#)

[Charlie and the chocolate Factory](#)

9:45-10:30- Literacy

Each week we will be looking at a specific genre. You could also encourage your children to write entries about their daily activities whilst at home. Activities will consist of writing activities, which will include a focus on grammar and punctuation, as well as a focus on exemplary handwriting.



At Eastfield Primary School this is the style of handwriting that we use.

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



10:30-11:00- Break Time

It is important to find time for your children to explore their own interests. If you have the time, play alongside them and help them to expand their ideas. If they have siblings, this could be a valuable time to learn together. Break time is just as important as learning!

11:00-11:15- Spelling

This section will be largely internet based. Learning through games is fun and will keep the children engaged. The children can go on the different games and suit the level to their ability. The statutory spelling lists that your child should continue to practise can be found on the school website. In spelling, we will also recap year 4 spelling rules however the high frequency words can also be found on the school website.



We are also using The Spelling Shed to support pupils with learning spellings. New lists will appear each week and children can test their speed and accuracy in spelling to earn rewards. We recommend children practise for about 5-10 minutes 4 or 5 times per week. Click the icon to access the site.

11:15-12:00- Maths

Each week we will be recapping our times tables skills and looking at a variety of units.



NumBots

This is an online platform for children to boost number recognition and addition and subtraction skills through interactive games. Playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding. We recommend playing for about 5 minutes, three or four times per week. Click the icon to access the site. Click 'Schools', 'Pupils' then enter Eastfield to find our school site. Your child will have been given a Times Table Rockstars login to use here.

Times Tables Rock Stars



Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master the times tables. To be a times tables rock star, you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12 x 12 in less than 3 seconds. Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice.

Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so. Click the icon to access the site.

1:00- 1:45 Topic Time

During this time, we will provide activities that cover the foundation subjects of the curriculum. Each week, the activities will differ, but they will cover subjects such as: ICT, music, design and technology, art, STEM, science and French. We have also included some mindfulness activities to encourage children to build on their self-reflection.

1:45-2:00 – Break

2:00-2:15- Reading for pleasure

We encourage all pupils to read for pleasure, without having to analyse the text in detail. This maybe reading to a member of the family, reading a magazine, reading a recipe when baking or just reading your favourite book!



2:15-3:00 – Creative time

This is the time to complete the daily challenge or get creative using a range of materials. We look forward to seeing some of your activities and creations!