School Closure- Year 5&6 schedule and activities

While you are away from school, we want to make sure you have time to practise the skills you have learnt as well as having some time to rest and do things you choose. Here is a suggested timetable for you to follow to keep a structure to your day.

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| Time | Activity | Notes |
| Before 9.00 | Wake up | Have breakfast & get dressed |
| 9.00-9.30 | Activity time | Do some wake up shake up type activity like skipping, dancing, yoga, football, trampolining etc. If you can, go outside to do this |
| 9.30-10.30 | Maths | Spend an hour on your daily Maths tasks set by your teacher. This should include 10 minutes of Times Table Rockstars |
| 10.30-11.00 | Breaktime | Do something of your choice to relax/ burn off some energy (again this would be a good time to go outside if you can) |
| 11.00-12.00 | English | Spend an hour on your daily English tasks set by your teacher. This should include 10 minutes of Spellzone |
| 12.00-12.30 | Reading | Complete a reading activity set by your teacher.  Spend some time reading a book of your choice |
| 12.30-1.30 | Lunchtime | Have your lunch and a break |
| 1.30-2.30 | Learning time | Work on one of the Science, Geography or History tasks your teacher has set you |
| 2.30-3.30 | Creative time | Work on one of the creative tasks your teacher has set you |

You will need to use a phone, computer or tablet to access some of these activities but try to spend lots of time away from screens too.

The answers to the maths links shared will be added daily. You will be able to access these by refreshing the page.

Week 1 activities to complete

Science:

Adaptation- choose at least three different types of birds to research. Think about the type of environment they live in, what they eat, what their predators are etc. Consider these questions to help you think about how they have adapted to suit their environment:

Why do some birds have long beaks and some have short beaks?

Why do some birds have waterproof feathers and others don’t?

Why do birds have different types of feet depending on where they live?

How do some bird survive in warm weather while others live in very cold places?

Why do we have flightless birds?

Write a report to present your findings. Think about how you can use scientific language in this report.

You might want to produce some other work in response to what you’ve found. You could create some art work or make models etc.

Geography:

Forest fires in Brazil

Find out about the causes of forest fires and the dangers. How do they impact the environment?

Why do people sometimes start forest fires (food production, people’s livelihood)? What is the impact of that?

Think back to the persuasive writing we did about sustainable palm oil. Use your research to plan and write a persuasive letter to the Brazilian government about stopping forest fires being set deliberately or how this can be done in a sustainable way. You will need to plan the following paragraphs- Introduction (why you are writing/ what you think), Why you think it (reason 1), Why you think it (reason 2), Why you think it (reason 3), What other people think (acknowledge the other side of the argument), Why you still think it

Remember to use facts and figures and persuasive language. Be clear about what you are asking them to do.

Other things to do at home:

Read- take some time to read different books and think about the types of books you enjoy. You could write a book report, look for ideas in the books you read to use in your own writing, write your own version of the story, collect words from the books you read, act out the story. The possibilities are endless! Remember you also have access to Oxford Reading Buddy

Keep a diary- this is an unusual time and you might never experience another time like this when every school in the country is closed. If you keep a diary of your daily experience, it will be something to look back on when you’re older.

Watch Newsround- If you want to watch the news, this is the best place to watch it. There are also lots of things to do on the BBC website.

Use My Mini Maths online. It’s free and you can find different types of maths questions to practice and keep your mind active.

Help out at home. There are always lots of jobs to do so see how you can help with washing, tidying, entertaining other children in the house etc.

Build a model. You could use lego, empty boxes, playing card etc to build a structure of your choice.

Build a den, make it cosy and get in there with your favourite book

Play games, this is a great thing to do as a family. You could even design and make your own game to play.

Invent something- think of a problem that you and lots of other people have. Maybe you can come up with an invention to solve it.