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Dear Children,

We hope you have had a nice week, even though we know it may have been tricky to get used to. As you probably know, from what the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has said, it may be a long time before we are allowed to open our schools again. Nothing like this has ever happened before and all the grown-ups are trying to make it ok for you. We need you to continue your fabulous learning styles at home now, so keep:

- being independent
- persevering
- co-operating
- looking after each other
- and being curious.



As you cannot come to school we need you to continue your fabulous learning at home. Now this will look different to how it does at school and it is ok how your grown-ups do this. Your teachers will start uploading weekly learning work for you on our website and communicating with you through 'Marvellous Me' whilst you are not at school. You will find your set activities on the website under:

### Curriculum - Home Learning - Year R, Year 1 or Year 2 - Week 1.

We have even added a preschool one too if you have younger siblings who may be missing Pre-school. You can help them with their learning too.

So, starting from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March your teachers will upload the following on a Monday morning for the week:

- 3 English tasks = 1x writing, 1 x reading, 1 x phonic
- 3 maths tasks
- A project
- Spelling lists
- word of the day
- A maths challenge



We will keep in contact with you on the following days:

**Monday mornings** - your Year leader will 'marvellous me' to say your learning is on the website.

**Wednesday's** - Your Class teacher will 'marvellous me' to say hello about your learning.

**Friday's** - Mrs Gregory and Mrs Watts will 'marvellous me' to congratulate you on your learning.

In addition to these tasks all children in all year groups have been given access to 'Education City'. This is an excellent online programme that helps you practice your learning for English and Maths. Your grownups have had a marvellous me with the log in details.



Please make sure you continue with your 'Love of Reading' books at home or listening to stories. You can do this online (which are free) or from CD's you may have at home. Free sites are detailed on the website grown-ups. There is a brilliant website called <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> for children to continue their colour sequence books.



As well as core learning we would like you to continue with your topic learning. A project with a range of learning tasks and resources will be uploaded to the main page for your year group. Your teacher will send you a 'Marvellous Me' message each week to encourage and remind you to complete your tasks.

At Shirley we value all of the curriculum so take time to; get some fresh air, take part in PE, play a board game with your family, listen to music, colour or paint. There are lots of other activities you can do along with the learning we set you each week.

Please remember that although you may be learning at home, you are still part of the Shirley Infant School family, and you continue to make us proud. We know that this is a very different time for everyone. We know that it is strange because you are not at school and you will miss being with your friends and the grown-ups.

All of the grown-ups miss you very much and seeing your smiley faces, which always cheers us up. We cannot wait to have our little stars back in school again, hopefully soon!



One final thought - Please, please, please ... do not drive your parents and carers mad and remember our golden rule; **to be polite, kind and helpful to everyone!**

You are all stars and we know we will continue to be very proud of you. Remember your grown-ups have the school email address!

Keep shining little ones! We carry you in our hearts and thoughts constantly (and big ones too).

Mrs Gregory and Mrs Watts



PS, Grown-ups please remember you are not home schooling you are supporting your child's previous learning. Take your time and remember it is ok to have 5 minutes for you too. MOOT is working in our houses. We are in this together!