## Ideas for Alternatives to Homework

Grow a plant	Have a family games night	Buy a puzzle book and work on some activities together
Tell each other about your day over tea, or just before bed	Sing together	Explore the seasons - what makes autumn autumn? Look for seeds or crunchy leaves. Look for icy puddles in winter
Crafts - make a Halloween costume, or gifts for Christmas or someone's birthday	Visit a friend, relative or neighbour	What wildlife can you find on your doorstep? Shetland is full of wonderful animals! Go on a bug hunt
Buy a comic or magazine and look at it together	Plan and cook a meal together	Help with household budgeting
Learn a new skill - knit, sew, building something from wood. Can a wider family member help?	Help plan the weekly shop, plan what will be eaten for the week, write a list of what is needed too	Geocaching – the app can be downloaded for free
Read together - visit the library	Help with household chores - life skills that will eventually be needed!	Bake something together, remember to lick the spoon!
Watch a classic film together, or watch a documentary, or quiz show and speak about what you see	Recite your times tables as you make tea or walk to the shop	Write a letter to someone, buy a stamp and post it. Wait for a reply!
Experience all the different weather we have, get out in the rain and wind, learn to dress appropriately	Visit somewhere new - be a tourist at home	There are lots of colouring books and mindful colouring is very popular, work on something together