



St Columba's RC Newsletter



TERM 3 UPDATE 2020

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you with the following information on how we intend to allow you and your children to remotely access their curriculum. As this is unprecedented times we are living in, there may be technical hiccups. I ask you for your continued patience with this matter as we iron out any difficulties. (Please contact your teacher / school of any hitches you may be experiencing). All staff have agreed to have work uploaded for their classes which can be accessed at 9.00am each day.

Here's an update from each of the classes:

PRIMARY 1

To support your child with home learning you should have received the following:

- A red jotter with your child's GLOW password on the front
- A home learning activity grid
- An envelope containing login details

If you have not received any of these things, please arrange to pick them up from the school office.

From Monday 23rd March, I will upload 3 activities to GLOW as follows:

- 1 Literacy Activity
- 1 Numeracy Activity
- 1 Other activity

When you log in to GLOW you will see your usual GLOW launchpad.

You should have a tile for the school site and mail.

If you do not have these, click on **ADD TILE** and choose **APP FROM LIBRARY**

In the SEARCH APPS box, type in MAIL/ST COLUMBA'S then ENTER. Click on the pictures and choose ADD TO MY LAUNCH PAD

Once you have added tiles, go back to your launchpad and click on the tile you need.

To view the daily activities, Click on PRIMARY 1 on the SCHOOL GLOW PAGE.

Once you have added this tile, click on the home icon on the left hand side, then click on PRIMARY 1.

On the PRIMARY 1 page you will see the activities for the day.

You can photograph and send completed work through the mail tile.

I would also encourage pupils to do 15-20 minutes of Sumdog every day

15-20 minutes of Teach Your Monster to Read every day.

Some physical activity every day (gonoodle, cosmickids, body coach on you tube will be doing a 30 minute PE session every morning)

Any problems with any of the above, please contact the school.

Stay safe and keep in touch.

Hopefully we will see you all again soon

Mrs McGregor


PRIMARY 1/2

Good morning!

I hope you and your family are all well 😊

In your 'at home' jotter you will find a range of worksheets and a GLOW link (on the front of your jotter). Please log in to your GLOW account daily (information for login and password is on the front of your jotter that was sent home) Aim to work through one literacy task, one numeracy task plus another task a day from the curriculum. Number jacks and alpha blocks are always a favourite of ours in P1/2 which supports our learning in a fun way so maybe you can watch some of the series based on tens and hundreds, place value, odd and even, doubles and halves, numbers or any other concept that you are trying to work towards based on your targets. I will upload a series and episode daily for each on GLOW. I will also set a weekly Sum dog quiz that you will be able to access using your Sum dog username and password (which was sent home in the envelope) I will have access to your results from home so get playing for some house points! Our topic has been Fairy Tales

and we have already read a few of them. There are worksheets based around Little Red Riding Hood in your jotter and I shall upload some power points based on fairy tales for you to share and read with your adult. I have also uploaded a homework grid on your GLOW account for you to choose and complete a range of activities. I will also be giving out some points for each of the tasks you manage to complete. I am missing you all already and only ask that you really try to be like Self Motivated Sammy and many other superheroes whilst at home in order to get the best of your learning at home.

I hope you and your family enjoy this time together doing what us teachers love the most. Miss Robertson 

PRIMARY 2/3

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. In your 'at home' jotter you will find both your GLOW and Sum dog username and passwords. Please log in to your GLOW account daily to access the tasks set out for you. Each day I will assign a literacy task, numeracy task and one other piece of work for you to complete. To help with your literacy and numeracy tasks you could watch alpha blocks, number jacks or videos on YouTube (I will upload the link to any videos which will support you in your tasks and learning for that day). I will also set a weekly Sum dog quiz that you will be able to access using your Sum dog username and password which is at the front your 'at home' jotter. I will have access to your results from home. Our topic this term has been countries around the world, we still have a few countries to learn about, so I will upload tasks based round our topic which may require you to do your own research. Your parents/carers are more than welcome to join in and help. If you need to get in touch regarding any tasks or to send any completed work, please feel free to contact me through email on GLOW.

Kind regards
Miss Venturini

Primary 3

Primary 3 have talked this week about making sure they check the Primary 3 GLOW page each day. Ms Quirie will upload a literacy, numeracy and one other activity each day. Children are also asked to be active for 20 minutes a day and read for 20 minutes a day.

Ms Quirie

PRIMARY 3/4

Keeping in Touch for P3/4,

Children can access daily activities on our class page on Glow using the School Site tile on the launch pad. They can also email me using my Glow account:

gw15janviergillian@glow

I have set up a class email group so we can keep in touch as a whole as well as individually. I will update the activities daily on Glow but just in case there are technical difficulties, please see the At Home sheet for more information.

I look forward to keeping in touch with you all over the coming weeks and am really looking forward to seeing you all soon.

MRS JANVIER

At Home Ideas Sheet if unable to access GLOW

(I will be using some of these ideas as daily activities which I will set each day on our P3/4 home page.)

Maths

Websites to work on:

Hit the Button - for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Daily Ten - as above

Flip Counter - for understanding of our number system. It shows ten thousand, thousands, hundreds, tens and ones

Place Value Basketball - encourages counting of materials up to 999

Top marks - Ordering and Sequencing numbers

BBC Bitesize - 2D and 3D Shape

Top marks - Teaching Clock

Splash Maths - for Fraction work, measuring work and number work

Check GLOW on the P3/4 page for our school to see if there is something I have set you to do OR do one of the following things

Sum dog, which is a tile on your GLOW account page

Work on recalling 2, 5- and 10-times tables or other times tables

Work on your number bonds up to 10, 20, 100 (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)

Tell the time to your grown-up and work on minutes past and minutes to the hour

Work with money. Make different amounts with all the coins. Give change from 10p, 20p, 50p, £1

Work with fractions, in particular halves of numbers. Investigate quarters of numbers of objects, thirds of number of objects etc.

Literacy:

Every day you will have to read for about 20-30 minutes. Ask your adult to read with you so that you can ask and answer questions

Work on spelling pattern revision using your spelling record books

Draw a picture of any kind of scene (outer space, a mountain top, a forest, a beach) and then write imaginative sentences about what you would see, hear, smell, touch if you were in the scene (remember all those adjectives, similes, synonyms, antonyms and verbs we have worked hard on!)

Write some news about what you are doing with your day

Websites:

Teach your Monster to read (passwords on your tickets)

Big Brown Bear - look at how to use alphabetical order

Top marks Literacy

BBC Bitesize

Roy the Zebra - the free activities

Crick web Literacy KS1

Ict games literacy - particularly for spelling

RERC work:

What are the Sacraments? Draw a picture of the symbols of each Sacrament and write about them.

What is Pentecost? Try to find out some facts.

Health and Wellbeing work:

Think about all the things you would do in an emergency and write them down. You could ask your family to help too!

Ask your grown-up to chat about medicines with you and what they do for you. Make sure you understand all the safety points about medicines.

French work:

french-game.net - Focus on food, family, colours, numbers, body parts and hobbies.

Science work:

BBC Bitesize: Which materials dissolve in water?

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments> - Good website for simple science activities too

Art work:

Choose a famous artist to find out about and try out his/her style of work as you create your own masterpiece

BBC Bitesize has a few ideas and class clips for KS1 art. Check out this link.....

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdgrd2p/resources/1>

Music work:

Try making your own instrument. Be creative in your thinking and make it something really inspirational.

Listen to your favourite type of music and write why it is your favourite.

Practise playing your recorder using your folder from Mrs Haldane.

PE Work:

Be out of doors and active for at least 15 minutes each day (walk, jog, cycle)

Make a poster to remind yourself of all the healthy things you should be doing for your body.... Eating well, being active, brushing your teeth, resting etc

ICT work:

This will be covered through all the online activities you will be doing!

Record your ideas for the above work in your new 'At home book' so you can share what you have done when we return to school.

Your child will more than likely need some support to follow these instructions initially.

To access the GLOW page....

Open your search engine

Type.... GLOW login

Click on the Glow - Sign in RM Unify link

Type in the username and password from your yellow jotter

Click on the shadow person image (white outlined person) in the top left corner of the page and find the tile to our school site.

Click on P3/4 in the left side panel

Under the photo you can see any new Documents or posts in the

Newsfeed. **THIS IS WHERE I WILL POST WORK/UPLOAD**

DOCUMENTS EACH DAY. You can use the newsfeed to send any message, but be aware ALL pupils and staff can see these posts.

Once you have completed your task, save it on your device or photograph it from your jotter page and save/send it to the device you have GLOW open on.

Go to your Launch Pad (top left tab on your screen) and open the Mail tile.

Click on New Message at the top left of the page

In the 'To' box start typing 'Gillian Janvier' and you'll see my gw14 glow email come up.

Using the attachment drop down at the top, you can attach your saved piece of work. Give it a title so that I know what it is about. Write a short message to me if you wish, then click 'Send'

You can also simply use the Mail tile to send an answer to your work straight to me, without having to save on a separate document, just like you would write an email. This will be easier, but not if the task needs to be done on a separate page e.g. a drawing, or story mountain!

***If you have any problems with any of this, you can use the Mail tile to email me directly. Remember.... this is the only way you can 'speak' to me and be sure it is ONLY me who sees your messages!!**

Mrs Janvier

PRIMARY 4/5

Primary 4/5 will be provided with Literacy and Numeracy tasks, daily, as well as a task from another area of the curriculum.

The plan is for a breadth of curricular areas to be covered weekly, thus, minimising the impact on the children not being at school.

An example of a day of working at home will be focused challenges and tasks covering Literacy and Numeracy before finishing with a task in Health and Wellbeing or another area of the curriculum.

A timetable has been shared on the School Site Primary 4/5 page on Glow and the children have all been instructed on where to find their daily tasks, where to have communication with Mr Robb and where to find feedback on specific tasks.

Mr Robb

PRIMARY 5/6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I will be using Glow to communicate with children whilst our school is closed for pupils. I will be uploading work every day for pupils to complete. This work can be found on our School's Glow page, under the P5/6 tab at the side of the website. The learning intentions will be set out on our class notebook, and the worksheets or other documents will be uploaded into the files section.

I will also be e-mailing pupils on their Glow e-mails everyday with the work attached, in case there are pupils who are unable to access the school site for some reason.

I will be setting one piece of Literacy, one piece of Maths and another piece of work to ensure that we are covering a broad range of the curriculum. In addition to the work set, I would like pupils to try to read for a minimum of 30 minutes a day and to try to complete a PE workout from You tube (I will send daily links). I will be setting challenges on Sum dog for pupils to complete and assessments so that I am able to monitor progress.

I would like for pupils to send me a completed piece of work; either uploaded onto Teams or sent via an e-mail to me, every week so that I can give feedback to you. Pupils are able to communicate with me and each other using the Glow e-mails and Teams, we have a class team for general talking, but also a School Information team which I will keep updated. I will be in school during this time, so will be easy to contact if there are any problems with Glow or if there are any questions that I can help with.

Please take care and stay safe, I hope to see all of you very soon.

Miss Oakenfull

PRIMARY 6

A message from Miss Rodwell for P6 Pupils' Parents/Carers.

I will be using Glow for all communication and tasks that I set for the children and this will be found in your child's **One Note** application which can be found

through the Glow School Website (which your child will have added as an application of their Glow Launchpad) where you will also see a weekly timetable of tasks to be completed.

The work that I will be setting for P6 pupils:

P6 have a paired topic project to work on (unless I have agreed that they can work on this independently). You will find all information related to this project on your child's Glow **One Note** application. The necessary information and instructions for the project is displayed as a word attachment under the heading '**Collaboration Space**' in **One Note** and all completed tasks should be worked on/uploaded in this space. The topic project will be an ongoing task and mostly focus' on literacy skills.

As well as this, I will also be posting individual pieces of work **in addition** to the paired topic project in **One Note** under the folder titled '**Library Contents**'. Tasks will be set and uploaded within this folder daily. I will be setting a minimum of **3** daily tasks for pupils to complete which will include maths, literacy and one other subject. A minimum of one RME task per week will also be set. This work should be completed and saved into pupils' individual **One Note** file under the folder titled '**School from Home**'. You will find the timetable of what the week to week overview of tasks will look like on the Glow School Website.

Communication:

Pupils can communicate with their partner through the **collaboration space, Glow emails and the messaging tool on Teams**. If they have any issues, questions or concerns I will be accessing the **Teams** application daily and I am also available by emailing my Glow email which they all have access to – gw18rodwellalaileen@glow.sch.uk. I will also be using **Teams** to let pupils know when I have uploaded a new task and any additional information that they need to know in order to complete the task. This should be checked daily.

Lastly, daily tasks will be uploaded onto Glow by **9am daily** and I envisage to give **feedback** on your child's work through the One Note application.

Whilst I have spent time over the past week to show children how to access all their tasks and answer their concerns about working from the Glow platform, I hope that this is helpful and if you or your child have any further questions or concerns, please let your child know that they can email me through Glow at any time.

Miss Rodwell and Primary 6!

PRIMARY 7A

Dear Parents/Carers,

Primary 7 have a Home learning jotter with a Homework Grid at the back of it. Please add any other ideas that you may have. They have an on-line Active Learn Maths account where I have allocated tasks and will continue to update.

Sum dog Maths is also available.

We also use Corbett Maths (on-line) which gives short video tutorials before a new concept is introduced. We are currently working on Data Handling -Venn diagrams.

We have a Glow team Primary 7A where I can share tasks and contact pupils.

They can respond to me and each other.

Keep well,

Best wishes, Mrs McDougall

PRIMARY 7B

Primary 7B have been preparing to complete our school work at home. All children have access to GLOW and within GLOW have access to Microsoft Teams. This is the primary way I will communicate with the pupils. The children have been given a project to complete, that follows on from our Lights, Camera, Action topic. For this project the children are to complete a number of tasks based on a book which has been adapted for the screen. A more detailed overview of this project can be found in the class materials folder on teams. As well as this project, I will be posting 3 additional tasks a day on the Teams site. These will cover a maths outcome and a literacy outcome every day, plus one other area of the curriculum. When the pupils have completed a task, they are to upload it to their folder on Microsoft Teams where I can give feedback in the comments section of the document. A considerable amount of time has been spent practicing this over this past week and the pupils all know where to upload their work and where to find their comments. Depending on how long we are away from school I may upload another project in the coming weeks.

During this uncertain time, I am sure pupils will be experiencing a mixture of emotions. We will be continuing our Branching Out sessions, albeit in a slightly different format. The Microsoft Teams platform and GLOW both allow for communication between the staff and the pupils. If at any time you're unsure of something or want to chat about things, my (virtual) door is always open through these methods of communication.

Thank you, in advance for all your support. One of the shining lights in this period has been the way in which we have all worked together. Stay safe and hopefully see you all back in our classroom very soon,

Mrs Calabria 



Join me every day next week for a home workout 😊

Starting Monday 23rd March, I'm going to be hosting a free workout aimed at kids LIVE on my YouTube channel.

With the schools closed and with us all spending more time at home, it's more important than ever that we keep moving and stay healthy and positive. Exercise is an amazing tool to help us feel happier, more energised, and more optimistic.

The workouts will be fun and suitable for all ages and even adults can get involved.

You don't need any equipment, just tune in to my YouTube channel at 9am each morning for a 30-minute, fun workout.

One more thing! I really need your help to spread this message. So please please share this with everyone that might like to get involved, and together we can help keep the nation moving 🙏

Hope you all stay safe and well, look forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless

Stephen Morrison
Headteacher