



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the amazing work that all our children have been doing this week and submitting via their Google Classrooms. The range of work is also impressive with imaginative creative writing, complex mathematical challenges, presentations and even some videos.

It is so encouraging to see everyone continuing to engage so enthusiastically with their remote learning. Well done to you all!

Thank you also to parents and carers for supporting your children with remote learning. From first-hand experience I understand the challenges this brings.

It is so important to be kind to yourself during this time. We are all doing our best in a set of very difficult circumstances. It does not matter if your child misses a Google Meet or does not manage to complete all of the work set in the timeframe for the day. If they (or you!) need a break, then do something else, go for a walk, read a book together, bake, do some art and craft activities and come back to the learning later. We also appreciate that for parents working from home you may have to adjust the school day to fit in with your own online meetings or to meet deadlines.

As always, please let us know if we can do anything further to support you.

Stay safe and take care, Lucy.

RM Easimaths:

The school has just signed up for a 4 month free trial of RM Easimaths with the prospect of purchasing on a more permanent basis if pupils, teachers and parents value its benefits.

This online resource is a school and home-based maths tuition system for 4 to 12 year olds. It is designed to help pupils improve their maths skills in a fun and encouraging environment targeted to their individual ability level.

Please see the additional page overleaf or visit the website for more information.

<https://www.rmeasimaths.com/>

In order to get started, your child will be sent their unique login details via Google Classrooms. Once logged in, they will be able to complete regular 10 –15 minute sessions which will be tailored to their age and ability. In order to see the best progress, it's recommended that the children complete three to five sessions a week, supporting a 'little and often' approach.

We hope that this addition to our maths provision will increase confidence and enjoyment of maths, and raise attainment across the school. Any feedback (to your child's class teacher) about RM Easimaths would be very welcome!

Blackbird Pie:

The February & March issue of DIGITAL BlackbirdPie Magazine is now available online. Surf across the topics and immerse yourself in articles. Find lots of free activities, vouchers, competitions, and resources for families. Make mini pizzas with a local chef, outdoor play ideas, indoor arts, crafts, storytelling, news & creative fun from local museums, attractions and artists. All FREE to download. Just click below. Don't forget to sign up and you will be emailed each issue and details of competitions.

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February Fitness Challenge:



Everybody has made an amazing start to the February Fitness Challenge. Both children and staff have been taking part in range of fitness activities from walking, running, skipping, dancing, taking part in online exercise workouts, cycling and playing ball games. Well done to all!

Here are the scores so far following our first five days:

Emerald Class: 441 miles

Diamond Class: 365 miles

Zircon Class: 360 miles

Well done and thank you to everyone who has supported this challenge so far.

Fitter Future:

Don't forget the school has re-subscribed to www.fitterfuture.com.

The site provides short video exercise workouts and mindfulness activities which can be accessed from any device at home or in school using your unique login details. These have been posted to your child's Google Classrooms.

We hope you take advantage of these fun and motivating materials!

Head lice:



Please be aware we have had reports of head lice in school. If your child is currently attending school, please check your child's hair every day and ensure all long hair is tied back. Your pharmacist will be able to advise you further if you are unsure what to do.

Remote Learning Highlights:

We thought it would be a good idea to ask our children what they have been enjoying this week with their learning.

Please see the comments below from a number of our pupils across the school:

"I enjoyed it when Mrs. Wandless read a story in our meetings." (Jake)

"I just like everything. I'm surprised that we can still do all the subjects that we did in school at home. Well done everyone!" (Samara)

"I have enjoyed having the meetings because I like seeing my friends." (Amelie)

"I've really enjoyed the English this week. We've been looking at a picture and a poem about a cat. I can't wait to start writing my story on Monday." (Bradley H)

"I liked the maths, it's interesting learning about time. I found it hard at the beginning but I'm starting to understand it now." (Mia N)

"I loved the art because Steve Backshall sent me a video message!" (Pippa)

"Probably the best lesson was the English, writing about the cat using prepositions to say where it was and where it was going that night." (Oceana)

"I loved the English lessons because we got to write expressive mood changing stories about polar bears and an upside-down world." (Jack H)

"I like being with my friends at school and seeing people at the meetings." (Nellie)

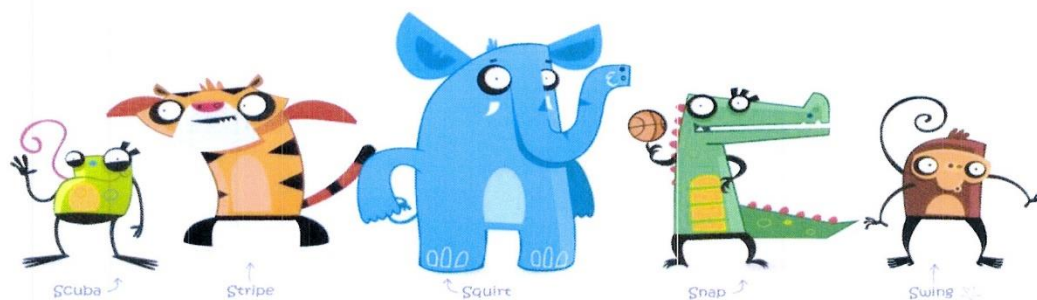


What is RM Easimaths?

RM Easimaths is a school and home-based online maths tuition system for 4 to 12 year olds. It is designed to help pupils improve their maths skills in a fun and encouraging environment targeted to their individual ability level, while providing teachers with valuable information on pupil performance. Based on the popular and proven RM Maths software, RM Easimaths sees maths tuition and support refreshed for a new generation on an easy-to-access, web-based platform.

For the pupil, RM Easimaths combines engaging activities with a personal learning programme, and for the teacher, it combines background teaching support with detailed, easy-to-access progress reports on individual and group attainment across a wide range of curriculum skills.

The teacher and pupil are in control when it comes to RM Easimaths, but the recommended 15 minute sessions, three to five times a week support a 'little and often' approach. Pupils are guided on their individual path through up to 5,000 interactive activities by a colourful cast of animal characters with individual personalities.



While the pupils have fun encountering new scenarios and challenging activities, RM Easimaths works continuously to capture and track critical data on pupil performance using its built-in analysis system. This data is used to target the learning programme of the individual, presenting them with exercises and materials appropriate to their ability level. The pupil progresses to new and more advanced activities as they succeed. If they are repeatedly unsuccessful in a specific activity, they temporarily regress for revision to a related but simpler skill in the same topic, before returning to the skill with greater confidence and relevant skills reinforced.

Progress across the 15 topic areas is monitored closely by the system, ensuring each pupil masters the necessary skills from complementary topics before moving ahead. Existing maths skills are kept simmering in the background while pupils move on to new maths concepts, keeping existing skills current with continuous practice and enabling faster comprehension of concepts introduced in class.

The automatically collected data on pupil progress is translated into meaningful, objective reports to provide teachers with all the information they need in a range of clear and intuitive formats. Teachers can use these reports in targeting planning to support specific learning interventions. Difficulties can be identified and addressed at individual, group and whole-class level as RM Easimaths works to support pupils and teachers in the maths learning process.