



Kelburn Normal School

## Home Learning in Te Ara Whanake

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Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

In this letter, we outline some ideas to set up learning for your child at home. The ideas suggested are ones that your child is already familiar with at school and can access at home. Your child's log in details to their Google account, along with other online learning programmes, will either be in their home learning folder or emailed directly to you later today so that they are easily available.

Each day we will share a 'daily slide' with all students in Te Ara Whanake. This will outline suggested activities for the day to support your child to make choices about their learning at home and to continue promoting independence. Your child can access this Slide deck through their school google account. Logging in to their personal account is still a skill that some of our children are practicing so they may initially need help with this.

### Seesaw

Seesaw is a wonderful way for your child to communicate and continue to keep their relationships with their home team and teacher. We have put an information sheet in your child's home learning folder which explains how to set up Seesaw from home. When your child posts their learning to Seesaw, the Whanake teachers will be able to comment and see the wonderful things that they are doing at home.



### Year 2 Maths

There are many online websites and apps that your child can access to play maths games and to practice basic maths facts. Some of these are listed in the *Resources* section of this letter. We will also be sharing an activity booklet for your child with a focus on Number, place value and basic maths facts.

### Year 3 and 4 Maths

We have set up activities for your child to complete on Maths Buddy. Maths Buddy has instructional videos to explain concepts along with questions. We recommend that your child aims to complete one to two activities a day.

*Maths is a part of 'real' life: money, computers, music, art construction, cooking...all around us, every day! You may also like to look for shapes and patterns in real life, have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making, play card or board games that involve counting patterns, use dice or playing cards to make a game out of practising maths facts.*

## Reading

Your child has access to Sunshine Online Classics which has a range of books for them to read at their level. This term we have been listening to the BFG and responding to activities. These activities are available in the Google Suite. Your child will need to use their email account to login to access this slide.



*We also encourage your child to have some time each day for free choice reading as this is something we really promote in Whanake on a daily basis.*

## Writing

Each day we will suggest a new writing activity for your child to respond to. These will be available in the 'daily slide'. Alternatively, you may like your child to keep a diary during this time as this will be a valuable way for them to express and write about how they are feeling.

## Other helpful resources:

Websites:

- NZ maths - [Number Knowledge Activities](#)
- [Hit the Button](#) - basic maths facts
- [Prototec](#) - basic maths facts
- [Kiwi Kids News](#)
- [Bob's Science](#) - science ideas for home.
- [LanguageNut](#) - all students have a username and password.
- [The Education Ministry- Parents page](#)

Also, we are only an email away, so if you have a query please get in touch with us via email.

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