

Dear Parents/ Carers,

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If you are a parent or carer of a child with a Special Educational Need, we recognise that this may make supporting your child with home learning extra difficult.

All staff in school are here to help in any way we can, and you can continue to communicate with your child's class teacher using ClassDojo. However, if you have any specific questions or would like further support for your child's individual needs, I am available to contact via email:

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A large majority of the resources and online learning set for each year group will be suitable for all children, working at a range of levels, with a variety of different needs. I will however aim to add resources that aim to support some specific areas of need.

Children are learning all of the time and in a variety of ways. Playing games, reading and exploring with your child all play an important part in their learning and development. Enjoy learning with them.

Thank you for your continued support during these uncertain times.

Take care and best regards

Mrs Loise Annal

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https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/covid19-school-closures

How do I sign up for the free month?

Lots of helpful ideas and tips for all areas of learning. Very visual, which is beneficial for a number of learning needs

Step 1: Go to twinklhq.twinkl.co.uk/offer

Step 2: Enter the code you have received, or CVDTWINKLHELPS if you have not yet been given a code

Dyslexia – Memory, sequencing, processing, reading

https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/memory-games.html

https://www.memozor.com/memory-games/for-kids

https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/memory-games

http://dyslexiahelp.umich.edu/tools/fun-games-for-dyslexics

https://www.nessy.com/uk/ - this has some elements which you buy but it also has free resources regularly, especially with the current coronavirus situation. It is a programme schools often buy and use for children who are dyslexic or find it more difficult to read. There is a free spelling game at the moment.

https://www.speedreadinglounge.com/dyslexia-games

Speech and language

https://www.icommunicatetherapy.com/child-speech-language/child-speech-languagedevelopment/activities-strategies-help-develop-speech-language-skills/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/speech-and-language-difficulties - great website for explaining the different types of difficulties children may have with speech & language, as well as useful tips

https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/free-speech-language-resources/

ADHD

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https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parentsguide-to-support-adhd/ - information and tips

https://www.additudemag.com/fun-games-help-adhd-children-learn-from-play/

https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/learning-at-home/gamesskillbuilders/cabin-fever-indoor-activities-for-hyperactive-kids

Autism

http://www.autismgames.com.au/index.html

https://do2learn.com/games/learningames.htm - lots of games and resources about safety, feelings, friendships etc

https://www.autism.org.uk/about/family-life/parents-carers.aspx

Motor co-ordination difficulties/ dyspraxia

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/children-with-dyspraxia

https://thesensorytoolbox.com/best-dyspraxia-games/

https://www.edplace.com/blog/send/20-games-to-improve-fine-motor-skills

https://www.inspiro.org.au/blog/improve-your-childs-fine-motor-skills