



1. **How do we contact you?** The easiest way to do this is by email - I am available from 9:00am -1:00pm. If you send an e-mail outside of these hours I may not get back to you until the next morning! On the days that I am teaching in school I may be slower in responding but I will always get back to you as soon as I possibly can. If you would like to speak to me on the phone for any reason - help, advice, support, encouragement - email me to let me know and I'll give you a ring.
2. **Do we need to send you work?** The only way I know that children are engaging with the learning I am setting is if you tell me and show me! I would love to see examples of their work on a regular basis but this doesn't have to be every day. This will enable me to celebrate successes, feedback to the children, offer support and tweak ongoing planning as required. You're not expected to send me absolutely everything but a regular e-mail with a couple of photos and a note would be very much appreciated and will save me chasing you to find out how it's going!
3. **How much time should we spend? Do we have to do everything?** The government is advising children in Key Stage 1 are set a minimum of 3 hours learning a day. My feeling is that if you start work at "school time"(9:00am-ish) in the morning, you should have finished what we have set for the day by lunchtime. We have all worked incredibly hard in school (and at home) this year to accelerate progress and catch children up after the previous lockdown and I'm anxious we don't let the fantastic progress we have made slip during the current one. I would ask you to continue to prioritise the key skills by doing some phonics/reading every day, writing something every day and doing the maths lesson and some Reflex every day as far as is practically possible!
4. **Where are the plans and resources for the home learning?** Plans for the following week will be put on the website every Friday so that those of you that like to know what's coming can see in advance the plans and the resources you will need. This will include any links for the internet-based resources/copies of worksheets etc.
5. **Do I need to look at the website every day?** Yes! The Owls Daily News page is updated everyday and contains relevant news, additional resources as they become available and our Superstar Gallery, amongst other things.
6. **I'm having difficulty motivating my child, what can I do?** Let me know! I'm fully aware that we are all just doing our best in difficult and differing circumstances and I am always available to help.
7. **We don't have a printer!** In most cases you won't need one. It may, however, be good to have an exercise book or similar you can record your home learning in (you can collect one from school if you need to). With specific regards to the maths, you can see the questions on the pdf worksheets on screen and talk about them and/or record the answers in your book. If you would like printed sheets, let me know and you will be able to pick them up from the school office.