

## **Home Learning**

Today, our teachers have been working on organising resources for remote learning. These are for you to use over the next few days, before the school holidays begin next week. The Ministry of Education has brought the holidays forward, and they now start on Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April inclusive (the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools). This means home learning will start again through remote learning on Wednesday 15 April as school will still be closed for on-site instruction, with staff working from home.

## **Supporting Learning from Home**

Please remember, while these resources are there to help you, as parents you do not need to pick up where your child's teacher left off. Your children's academic and intellectual learning is not at risk. Learning and development is a long and fluid process. Remember that all of our children are in the same boat. When your child returns to school we will pick up and move on from where you child is at. Everyday life offers so many opportunities for our children to develop their language and communication skills. Please reinforce with your children that they do not have to be working on set work – playing, sharing stories, talking and daily chores are just as valuable.

The activities your child's teachers have suggested via see-saw and google classroom are just suggestions. Our Leeston School Home learning google site is now open and this will also give you some options and support when working with your children. The link is below:

<https://sites.google.com/leeston.school.nz/leeston-school-home-learning/home>

The main thing is to have fun with your children, and reassure them that life will return to normal, that they are loved and safe, and we are all doing the right things to look after each other.

I have attached an article with some coping strategies that you might find useful as we head into our four week lockdown, and I will keep communicating as information comes to hand. Keep safe, and look after yourselves.

Kia kaha

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