

Home schooling Update

We are now approaching week 5 of lockdown and there are some useful updates to share with you.

The Government have produced advice for parents who are home schooling their children.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

The best way to help children learn is to:

- sit with them as they work
- do active and practical things, rather than trying to make them sit and listen for long periods
- try to break down the work into shorter periods, based on how long they can concentrate
- take frequent breaks
- praise or reward them when they do well

To check if they are learning try to:

- ask them questions as they go
- talk about things they learned

In addition to this, there are two websites, **BBC Bitesize Daily** and **The Oak National Academy**, that will enhance the home learning packs that we are preparing for our children. Look out for the **new home learning packs from Monday 27th April on our school website.**

BBC Bitesize Daily

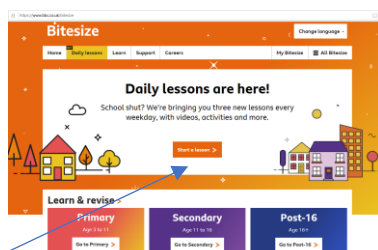
BBC Bitesize have launched **daily lessons** for children from **Year 1 – Year 4** and above to help home schooling. A degree of guidance will be helpful, although the children can probably complete some of the activities independently.

Unfortunately BBC Bitesize Daily doesn't cater for children below Year 1 but there is some content on the BBC Bitesize website for younger children, such as the counting game **Bud's Number Garden** and **My First Day at School**, designed for children aged 5 and under.

In addition there is a range of enriching and educational content on the BBC Children's iPlayer and fun games, clips and songs on the **CBeebies website**.

Here are instructions to find your way around the site.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

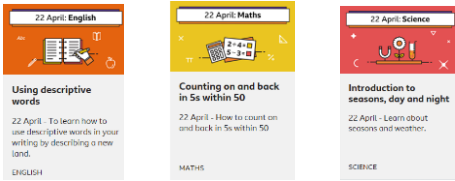


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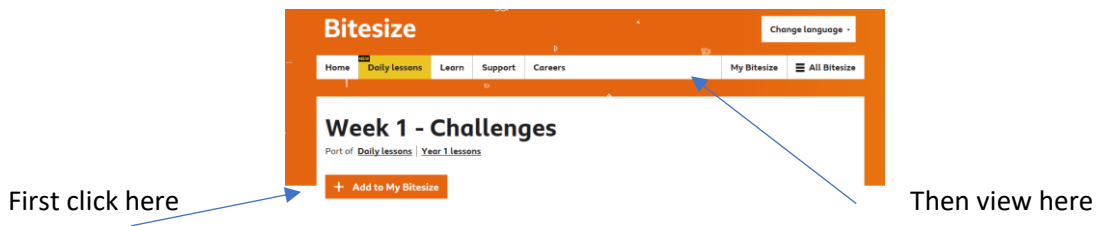


Then click on the year group your child is in.

Select the lessons you want to use. Orange are English, yellow are Maths and pink are subjects such as Science, Geography, History, Music and PSHE (well-being)



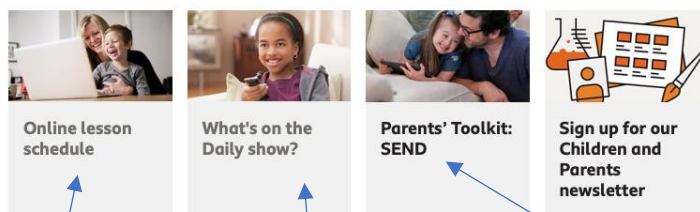
If you **register** (for free) then you can save lessons to 'My Bitesize'.



We will incorporate some of these lessons in future home learning packs. Please use any lessons from week 1 and let us know how you get on by messaging us on Class Dojo. Hopefully your child will enjoy the Maths Challenges at the end of the week. Challenges 1 and 2 are suitable for ages 5 to 7 and Challenge 3 is suitable for ages 7 to 9. All lessons will be relevant to your child's year group. However some of the science, geography and history may not be related to topics your child has experienced so far this year.

Further down the web page there are several boxes to click on to help parents with home schooling.

Plan your homeschooling with Bitesize Daily



Some really useful ideas for keeping calm and managing mental health.

Here there are daily shows which support the lessons.

This shows you the schedule for the next 3 weeks for all year groups.

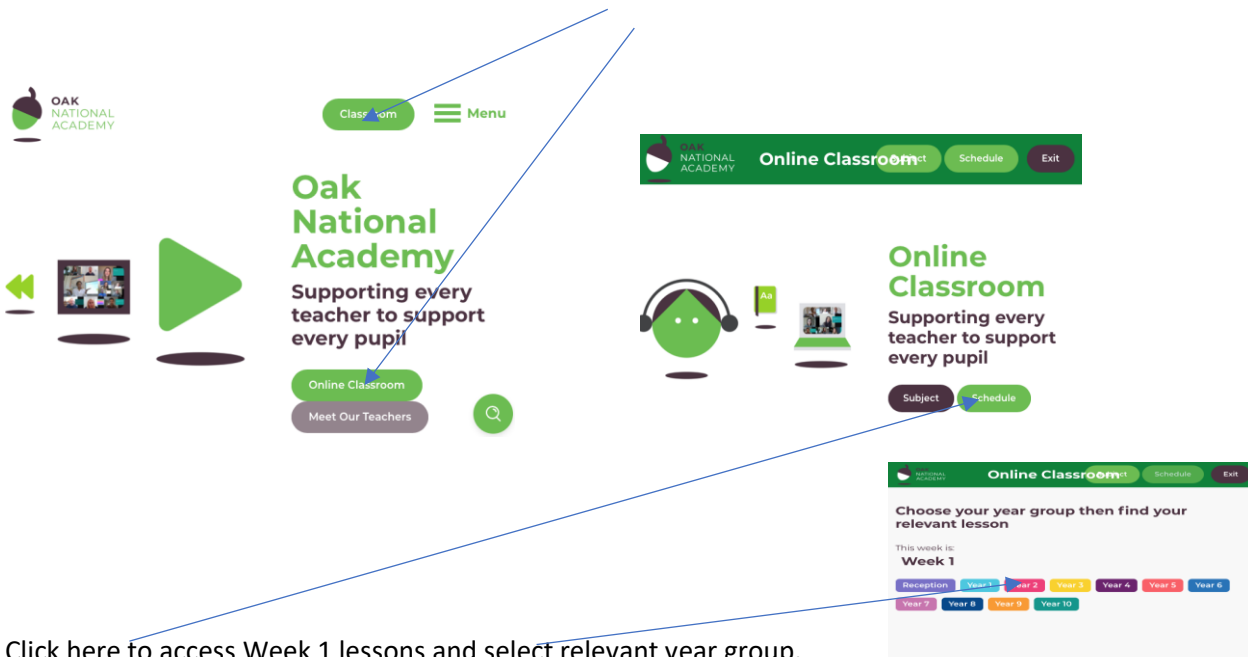
The Oak National Academy

To support the hard work of schools in delivering remote education, the Oak National Academy has been launched. This brand-new enterprise has been created by 40 teachers from leading schools across England, backed by government grant funding. It will provide 180 **video** lessons each week, across a broad range of subjects from maths to art to languages, for every year group from **Reception** through to Year 10. Some of the lessons begin with a quiz to see what your child already knows.

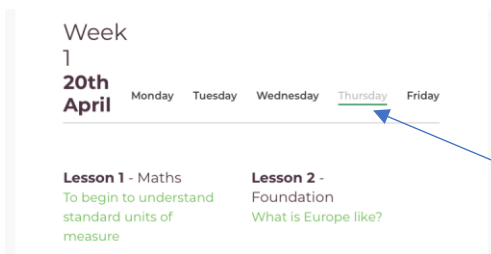
Here are instructions to find your way around the site.

www.thenational.academy

Click either of these buttons to enter the classroom.



Click here to access Week 1 lessons and select relevant year group.



By selecting the day of the week you can see and choose the lessons you want to use. Each day there will be an English and Maths lesson and one other curriculum subject. The website does suggest that lessons are used in order, particularly for English and Maths, but it is fine to use lessons you feel will be worthwhile to develop your child's learning. We will be selecting specific lessons to use as part of our home learning packs too.

Below is the link to see all lessons for Week 1 (20-25th April)

<https://www.thenational.academy/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/OAK-Curriculum-overview-week-1-1.pdf>

If you want to use the lessons in order or find a specific lesson then you can enter the site another way.

Click subject



Then Year group

Then subject

