

## Remote Learning at West Rise

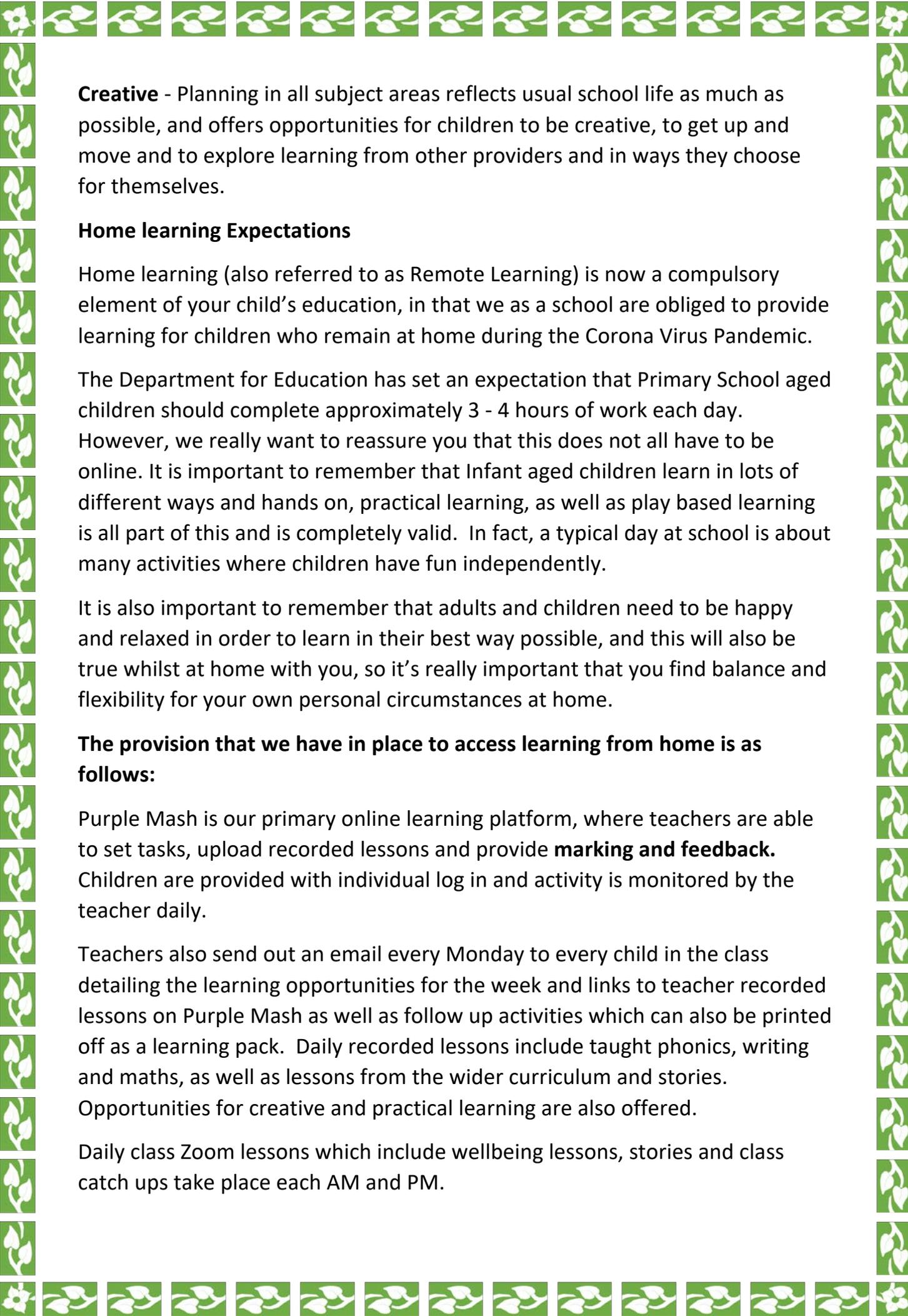
Based on new research from Sussex University, feedback from our families, and guidance relating to best practice, the remote learning offer at West Rise - 'Home Learning the West Rise Way' is a blend of live and recorded teaching, with opportunities for children to also engage in self-chosen scientific, creative and physical learning.

Using the underpinning principles from the Sussex research of providing opportunities for: **Contact, Content, Creativity and Community**, this programme is one that we feel is flexible enough for families to engage with, whatever their home circumstance, and at the same time a package which enables children at home to feel part of their school community through regular contact with school, exciting and varied content, much of which will be taught recorded lessons from the year group team, and yet at the same time it will be creative and enable children to access the content curriculum at home.

**Contact** - As well as regular contact with parents via email, the new home learning package offers children an opportunity to dial in to a Zoom call with the class teacher and class mates twice a day. Once at the beginning of the day and once at the end to receive Wellbeing teaching, a story and an opportunity to see classmates. This is not currently mandatory or a request for daily attendance, but is an opportunity to keep in touch.

**Content** - Core subjects will be taught via recorded lessons by teachers with opportunities for follow up work offered. This work can then be scanned to the teacher and marking and feedback given. Other subjects such as, yoga and learning journey subjects (art, geography, history etc) will be a mixture of recorded lessons by teachers and clips from quality providers such as BBC or Oak Academy. Children will then be provided with opportunities for self-chosen activities, with suggestions listed on the planning that is sent to parents.

**Community** - Recording as many lessons as possible from classrooms helps to remind children that they are still very much part of the school community and the familiarity of their classroom and the learning aids they are used to supports this. Being part of a Zoom dial also creates the sense of still being part of school and school life. The school Facebook page, with posts directly aimed at supporting wellbeing, also serves to remind parents that they too are part of the school community.



**Creative** - Planning in all subject areas reflects usual school life as much as possible, and offers opportunities for children to be creative, to get up and move and to explore learning from other providers and in ways they choose for themselves.

### **Home learning Expectations**

Home learning (also referred to as Remote Learning) is now a compulsory element of your child's education, in that we as a school are obliged to provide learning for children who remain at home during the Corona Virus Pandemic.

The Department for Education has set an expectation that Primary School aged children should complete approximately 3 - 4 hours of work each day.

However, we really want to reassure you that this does not all have to be online. It is important to remember that Infant aged children learn in lots of different ways and hands on, practical learning, as well as play based learning is all part of this and is completely valid. In fact, a typical day at school is about many activities where children have fun independently.

It is also important to remember that adults and children need to be happy and relaxed in order to learn in their best way possible, and this will also be true whilst at home with you, so it's really important that you find balance and flexibility for your own personal circumstances at home.

### **The provision that we have in place to access learning from home is as follows:**

Purple Mash is our primary online learning platform, where teachers are able to set tasks, upload recorded lessons and provide **marking and feedback**. Children are provided with individual log in and activity is monitored by the teacher daily.

Teachers also send out an email every Monday to every child in the class detailing the learning opportunities for the week and links to teacher recorded lessons on Purple Mash as well as follow up activities which can also be printed off as a learning pack. Daily recorded lessons include taught phonics, writing and maths, as well as lessons from the wider curriculum and stories.

Opportunities for creative and practical learning are also offered.

Daily class Zoom lessons which include wellbeing lessons, stories and class catch ups take place each AM and PM.



Wellbeing Wednesday emails are sent out each week with an opportunity to check in with children and parents on their wellbeing and to help build confidence, self-esteem and resilience with lockdown at home.

### **How we keep in contact**

All parents have the email addresses of their class teacher and the Senior Leadership Team and our 'open door' policy in this is communicated regularly. Parents know and understand that we are available to support them.

Engagement with home learning is expected, encouraged and monitored by the Senior Leadership Team. Contact is made with parents to offer support if they are finding any aspect of home learning a challenge.

Phone calls are made to parents where requested or when the teacher is concerned about a child.

### **Online Access**

We are aware of our families who are unable or not wanting to access learning online, so printed learning packs are available for collection from the office upon request for any families who need them.

### **Educational supplies**

Should any pupil require additional paper, pens, pencils etc. they are available upon request from the school office.

### **Recommended Websites**

These websites can be really useful to support and supplement your child's home learning:

#### **Oak National Academy**

[www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy)

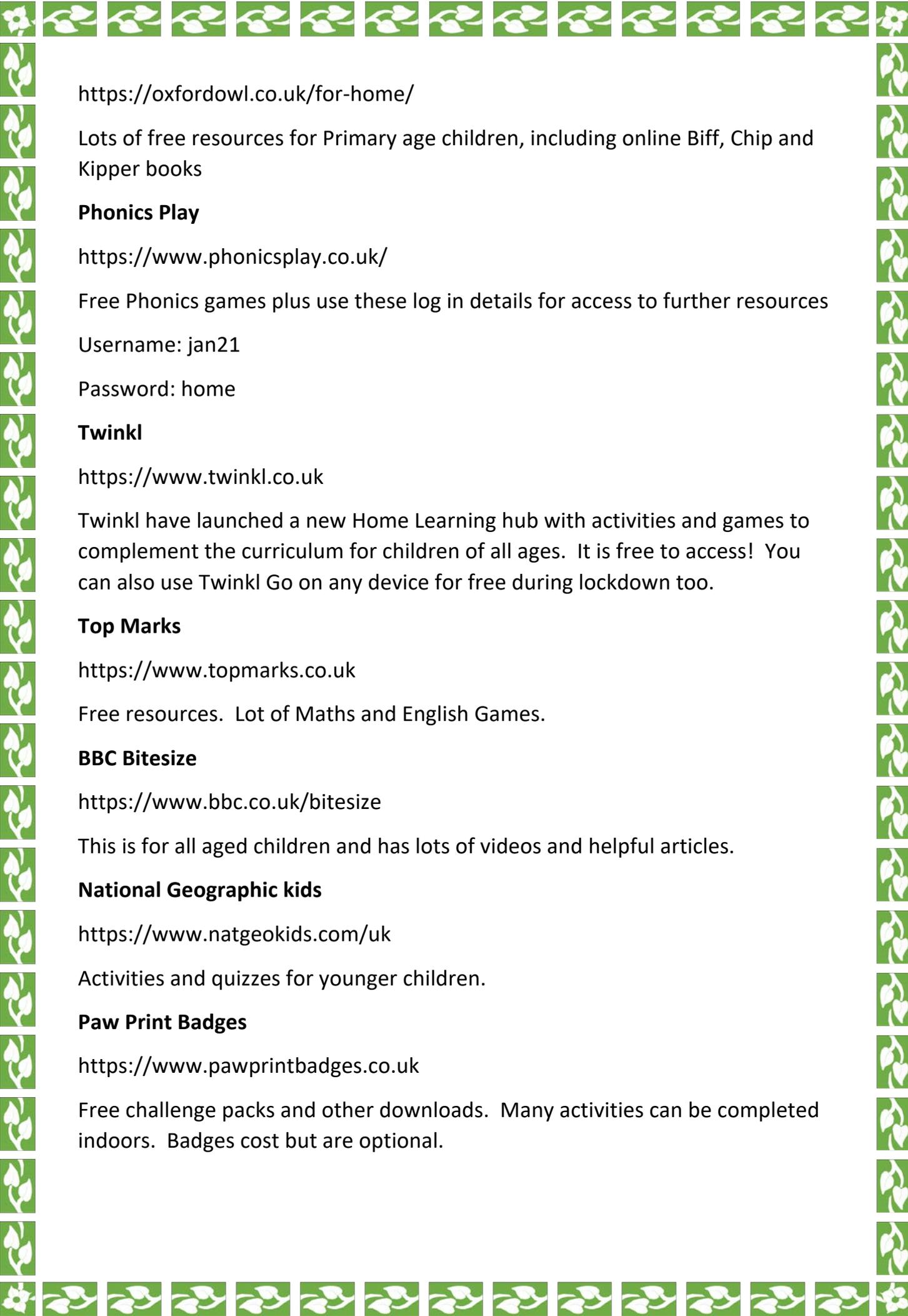
A great place for live lessons and activities for children of all ages. Created by teachers around the country.

#### **White Rose Maths Home learning**

[www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning](http://www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning)

A site where you can access great live lessons and activities for Maths.

#### **Oxford Owl for home**



<https://oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age children, including online Biff, Chip and Kipper books

### **Phonics Play**

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Free Phonics games plus use these log in details for access to further resources

Username: jan21

Password: home

### **Twinkl**

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

Twinkl have launched a new Home Learning hub with activities and games to complement the curriculum for children of all ages. It is free to access! You can also use Twinkl Go on any device for free during lockdown too.

### **Top Marks**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

Free resources. Lot of Maths and English Games.

### **BBC Bitesize**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

This is for all aged children and has lots of videos and helpful articles.

### **National Geographic kids**

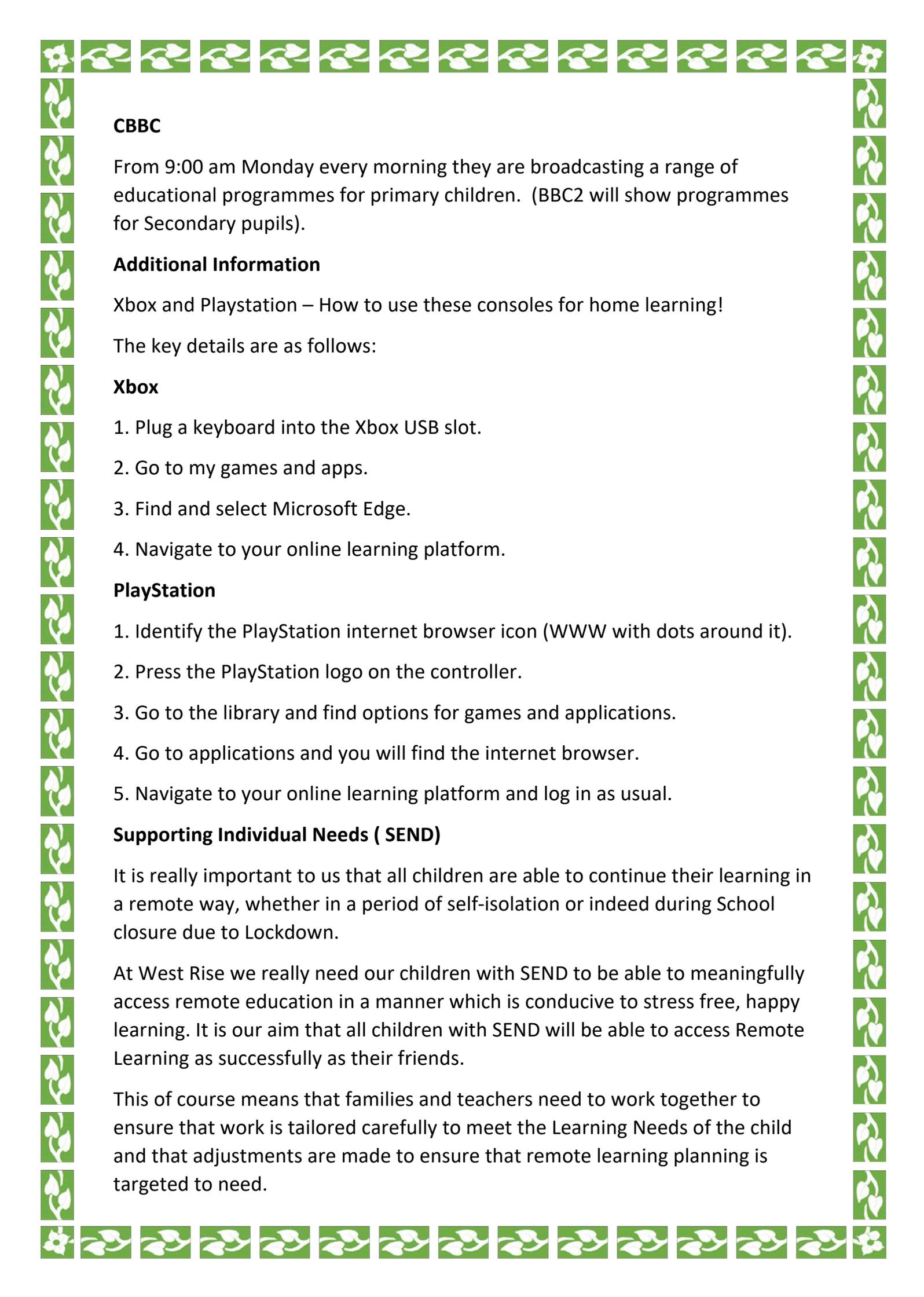
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk>

Activities and quizzes for younger children.

### **Paw Print Badges**

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.



## **CBBC**

From 9:00 am Monday every morning they are broadcasting a range of educational programmes for primary children. (BBC2 will show programmes for Secondary pupils).

### **Additional Information**

Xbox and Playstation – How to use these consoles for home learning!

The key details are as follows:

#### **Xbox**

1. Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot.
2. Go to my games and apps.
3. Find and select Microsoft Edge.
4. Navigate to your online learning platform.

#### **PlayStation**

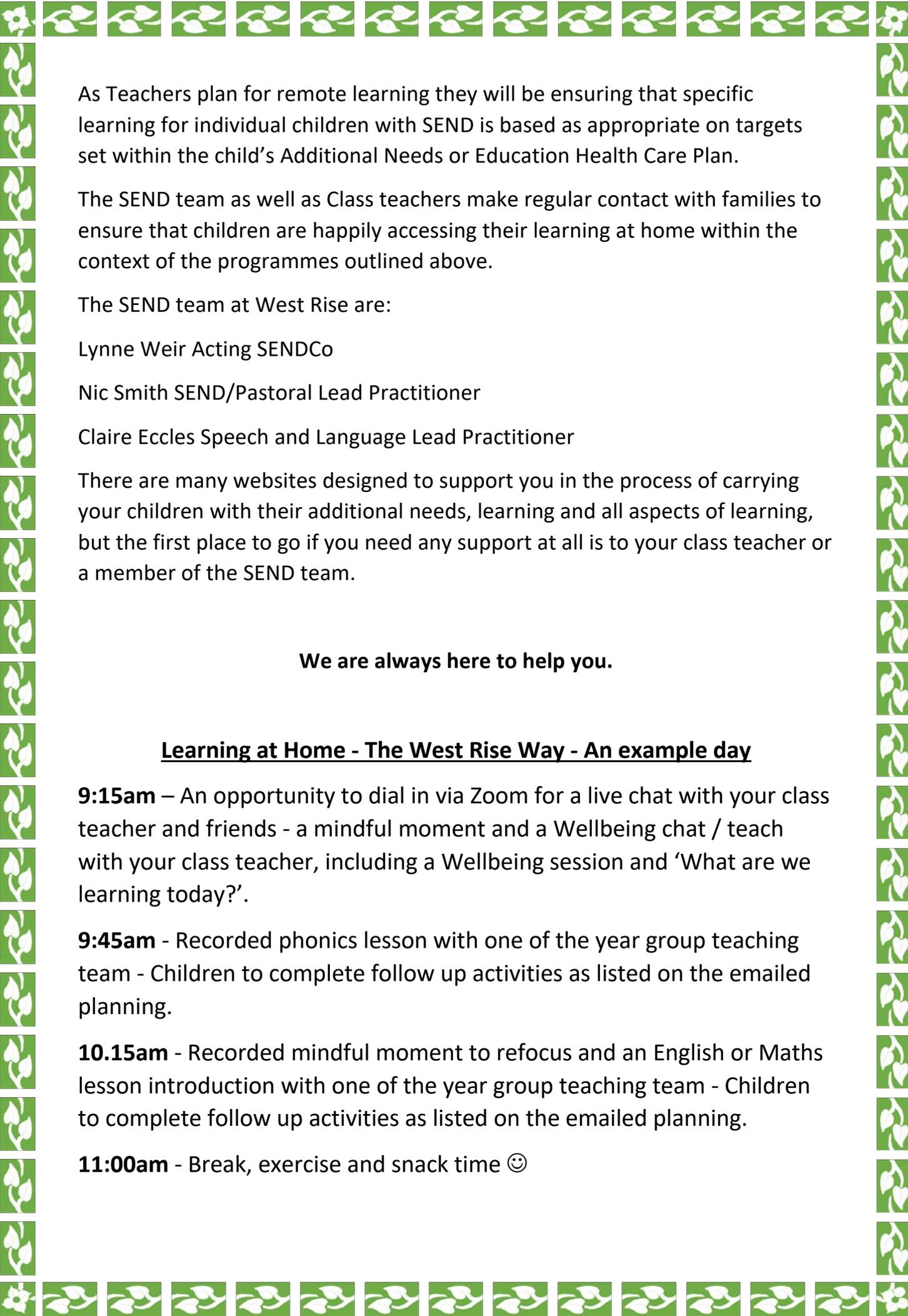
1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (WWW with dots around it).
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller.
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications.
4. Go to applications and you will find the internet browser.
5. Navigate to your online learning platform and log in as usual.

### **Supporting Individual Needs ( SEND)**

It is really important to us that all children are able to continue their learning in a remote way, whether in a period of self-isolation or indeed during School closure due to Lockdown.

At West Rise we really need our children with SEND to be able to meaningfully access remote education in a manner which is conducive to stress free, happy learning. It is our aim that all children with SEND will be able to access Remote Learning as successfully as their friends.

This of course means that families and teachers need to work together to ensure that work is tailored carefully to meet the Learning Needs of the child and that adjustments are made to ensure that remote learning planning is targeted to need.



As Teachers plan for remote learning they will be ensuring that specific learning for individual children with SEND is based as appropriate on targets set within the child's Additional Needs or Education Health Care Plan.

The SEND team as well as Class teachers make regular contact with families to ensure that children are happily accessing their learning at home within the context of the programmes outlined above.

The SEND team at West Rise are:

Lynne Weir Acting SENDCo

Nic Smith SEND/Pastoral Lead Practitioner

Claire Eccles Speech and Language Lead Practitioner

There are many websites designed to support you in the process of carrying your children with their additional needs, learning and all aspects of learning, but the first place to go if you need any support at all is to your class teacher or a member of the SEND team.

**We are always here to help you.**

### **Learning at Home - The West Rise Way - An example day**

**9:15am** – An opportunity to dial in via Zoom for a live chat with your class teacher and friends - a mindful moment and a Wellbeing chat / teach with your class teacher, including a Wellbeing session and 'What are we learning today?'.

**9:45am** - Recorded phonics lesson with one of the year group teaching team - Children to complete follow up activities as listed on the emailed planning.

**10.15am** - Recorded mindful moment to refocus and an English or Maths lesson introduction with one of the year group teaching team - Children to complete follow up activities as listed on the emailed planning.

**11:00am** - Break, exercise and snack time 😊

**11.15am** – Maths or English focus using activities from emailed planning or Time for your own learning – will it be Joe Wicks, CBBC learning, Phonics Play or maybe some colouring, baking or toy time?

**12.00 - 1.00pm** - Lunchtime

**1:00 - 1.30pm** – Cosmic kids yoga session / recorded session with Mrs Goff /Mrs Bailey / Nicole

**1:30** – Recorded Learning Journey input with one of the year group teaching team and activities set. Children to engage in self chosen activities – creative/physical/scientific etc. with suggestions offered on the planning.

**2:15pm** – An opportunity to dial in with teacher and class mates for a live chat – what have you learnt today? Sharing of learning and story time to finish the day.

Teaching sessions will be recorded to enable a degree of flexibility and choice so you can make the day work for you and your personal circumstances at home. It would also allow you still access learning from other platforms and learning providers, such fitness with Joe Wicks, Cbbc lessons etc.



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together  
even when  
we're apart