


# Top Tips for Home Schooling!!


## Make a timetable:

Routine is important and will give you all focus and purpose. Create a timetable of activities for each day and stick to it. Make this a mix of schoolwork, exercise, free play and other activities like reading, music, colouring.



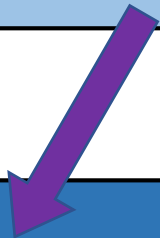
## Short Sharp Bursts:

Home school is faster than actual school. At school, teachers have 30 children to teach in one go – so learning takes longer. At home, you are learning 1:1. This is very intense for both the child and the grown up! For very young children (5-7), 3, 20 minute bursts of learning time each day is enough. For older children (8-11), 3, 45 minute sessions each day will get everything they need to do done.



## Hidden Learning:

You can build things into the day that are sneaky ways to get them learning. A snack menu is one way. Make a menu of snacks available in your house. Each child gets a virtual pound to spend each day. They can choose how to spend it. Fruit snacks are cheap, say 20p per item. Sweet snacks are expensive, at least 60p. This way a healthy choice means more snacks and an unhealthy choice can only happen once per day. In doing this they have to use maths to decide what to buy. If you want to, you can vary the price list and snack money to make the maths harder or easier depending on the age of your child.




## Who said TV was bad?

Television can be a great educator. Go onto the BBC iPlayer, in the categories section there are science and history-based programmes for all children to enjoy watching and learning from. Great ones to start with are Planet Earth, Seven Worlds One Planet and Blue Planet. Not only will children learn from these, but they will hear good vocabulary that will help them with future learning.

Entertainment shows can also be educational. Again, on the iPlayer, Horrible Histories is available and makes history learning fun. Programmes like 'The Worst Witch' and 'Malory Towers' are also good dramatisations of quality children's books.


### **Online:**

There are many online ways to support your child's home learning. If you have access to the internet, Joe Wicks – The Body Coach is providing a daily 30-minute PE workout for the whole family on YouTube. TT Rockstars, the times tables site, is providing access free for all children. Don't forget to check out our website for plenty of online resources that are available to use!




### **Read, read, read!!**

The most important thing you can do with your child is read. Either reading stories to them, listening to stories with them or encouraging them to read. If you haven't got access to many stories, amazon audible are providing free access to stories during the time that schools are not open. This is grouped into age appropriate texts and there is a wide selection.



### **The fun stuff:**

Getting learning done quickly means that you will have more time for other things. Choose an activity each day that you can do with your child. Play a board game, do a jigsaw, learn a card game, make a junk model from your finish packets and cartons, bake some cakes, go on a bug hunt or grow some plants from seeds.



### **And Breathe!**

Most of all, stay calm. We are all doing the best we can in these difficult times with many people juggling children and working from home. If you have bad day where schoolwork doesn't happen, you can always try again tomorrow.