



Welcome to the Witherlea School site for some on line /home schooling ideas and tasks for your children to have access to while away from school.

While this is not intended to be a substitute for a day in the classroom, hopefully it will be a useful tool to help you and your child stay connected to their learning in some way.

Please keep in mind that many of our teachers are also parents and maybe juggling their own children and family as well as communicating with their school whanau . We understand that every family has their own worries and obligations, so there are no expectations for children's 'tasks' to be handed in or for teachers to mark everything. If your child does some work that they want to share, they can email it to their teacher (either writing or a photo of something ) Our teachers will be checking in daily so they maintain the important connections between home and school. This could be via email, seesaw, google meet /chat depending on the teacher.

#### **Tips :**

- Try and allocate specific times for 'academic time' . Children enjoy and respond more positively if routines are established and maintained.
- Try and allocate a specific place for 'academic time ' as this will help the children focus and have everything prepared ready for learning as they do in the classroom. (A book /scrapbook paper to write/draw in, pencils , felts etc )
- If the home learning becomes too much for everyone at times, then stop and come back to it at a later stage. The well being of our children and families is of utmost importance.
- If at anytime the home learning becomes stressful and causes extra pressure on what families may already be experiencing, please take a break. The wellbeing of our families is a priority.

Depending on the type of device you have, or the updates you have on your device, some of the links may not work. Remember, the links for learning we have put on the site are options . We don't want to have our amazing Tamariki on line all the time , so please make sure you check the 'possible timetable' on the site home page, to be used as a guide only.

Use this time to have some fun and special time with each other. There is so much learning that can happen in the everyday things we do.

The link below is not on the main learning sites however, parents may want to have a look at it . It focuses on wellbeing activities .

<https://sparklers.org.nz/>

Our main priority at this time is the wellbeing of our children and our families.

Arohanui,

Witherlea School staff

#### **Links to learning sites :**

Year 1 and 2 site :<https://sites.google.com/witherlea.school.nz/year-1and-2/home>

Year 3 and 4 site :<https://sites.google.com/witherlea.school.nz/year-3and-4/home>

Year 5 and 6 site :<https://sites.google.com/witherlea.school.nz/year-5-and-6/home>



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