



Staying afloat while learning remote #3

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It's not all doom and gloom:
Our children are learning skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Through the challenges of remote learning, our children are developing ever important 21st Century Skills. Studying online requires certain skills such as self-discipline, self-motivation and communication. Our children are being exposed to knowledge which cannot be learned in books.

What are 21st Century Skills?

21st Century Skills are a set of abilities that students need to develop in order to succeed in the information age. Without these skills, students will not be able to successfully participate in the global economy. They will not be adequately prepared for college and work.

To hold information-age jobs, though, students also need to **think deeply** about issues, **solve problems** creatively, **work in teams**, **communicate** clearly in many media, **learn ever-changing technologies**, and deal with a **flood of information**. The rapid changes in our world require students to be **flexible**, to take the **initiative** and **lead** when necessary, and to **produce** something new and useful.

So what are these skills that our children are learning?

- Learning Skills**
- Critical Thinking
 - Creative Thinking
 - Collaborating
 - Communicating

- Literacy Skills**
- Information literacy
 - Media literacy
 - Technology literacy

- Life Skills**
- Flexibility
 - Initiative
 - Social skills
 - Productivity
 - Leadership

A few more benefits of remote learning:

- 1. Self-discipline:** Students will also need to motivate themselves to complete their work and turn in their assignments on time as there is much less hand-holding with remote learning compared to in-person lessons.
- 2. Students have their own learning environment:** Students can create an environment that works for them. A research study has shown that some students learn better in online environments compared to traditional classroom settings. Some students find it easier to speak up in 'class' as they are not intimidated by being in a classroom with roughly 20 other students, and are at ease in their own room.
(<https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/FAQ/what-are-21st-century-skills>, 2020)