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Remote Learning

Dear parents,

Thank you for supporting your child access and complete their learning at home. We realise this is a challenging time and it can be hard to fit home schooling in around work commitments and limited technology. It is a learning curve for us all and as we progress through the current lock down and continue remote learning we will try and improve and develop what we provide. We will be canvassing your opinions around remote learning later this week. To help both parents, teachers and children would you please be mindful of the following points, Thank you.

- Parents – please consider your own wellbeing. It is a difficult and challenging time for all. Please ask if you need any support, ideas or suggestions and find time for yourself and your family.
- Teaching staff will help with any issues you may have and will respond to your messages. Please can you ensure your messages are polite (no matter how frustrated you may be feeling!) and highlight what you are finding difficult or need support with? Thank you.
- Please be patient with teaching staff. All teachers are working hard at two jobs. On one hand they are in school part of the week delivering face to face teaching to those children who are in school. On the other hand they are working from home for part of the week planning, organising, resourcing and responding to remote learning. Like you some teaching staff have to balance looking after young children and home schooling whilst working from home. As a result teaching staff may not always be able to reply to messages immediately.
- Some of our children are sending their teacher numerous messages. We love hearing from you, but you don't need to send a message informing your teacher when you have completed question one, then question two, then question three etc.
- Please try and upload your completed work on the day you do it and in line with your teacher's request. Please don't wait or upload work from a previous week as the teacher will then find it difficult to respond to this work.
- Remote learning is in line with the national curriculum and mirrors the learning taking place in the classroom with those children who are attending school. Please follow the learning set and don't use other resources you may have acquired. You may disadvantage your child's progress if you don't follow the remote learning set by the school.





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- Teaching staff are trying to provide a variety of resources and activities to be completed at home. Please try and persevere, even if at times, your child is finding it difficult to engage with a particular activity. Please try and complete a variety of learning each day and across the week. Teachers are developing the use of video lessons and learning clips to support children's learning at home. We will soon be holding remote class meetings, once a week, via Microsoft Teams – further information on this to follow via email.

Hopefully this period of remote learning will be for a short period of time and we will see all the children back in school soon.

Regards,

Mark Whyman

