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## A note from Mrs. Jameson

Happy New Year everyone! It has certainly started with a bang. When the staff and I were planning for this term in December and over Christmas, we never imagined that we would find ourselves in National Lockdown once again with our special little school being closed to most of it's pupils. Although it has been a challenge to sort out school places for critical workers and vulnerable pupils and move to remote learning without any prior notice, we hope you have felt reassured by what we have put in place. We are extremely grateful for all the positive messages we have received this week thanking school for caring for their children and for putting the remote learning in place. It makes such a difference to all of the staff here to receive these messages and for us to feel that we are helping our children and families to feel supported at this trying time.

I would like to thank all children, parents and carers who have engaged with our home learning provision with such patience and goodwill this week. Some classes are experts at using teams due to bubble closures but for many parents this may be your first encounter. Hopefully as the week has progressed and as we move in to next week, you will become more confident in accessing work, joining live sessions and submitting learning. I fully appreciate the difficulties you may encounter in terms of technology not working, you may still have your own work to do and trying to motivate children is never easy but if you can get on to live sessions and engage in learning it will help your child. If you are having any difficulties, please let us know so that we can work out a way in which we can help you and your child.

Today we emailed regarding providing families with printed copies of the weekly worksheets. Please can we ask that you only request them if you have the intention of collecting them.

To help with accessing teams, I requested some free sim cards that give people 30gb of data for 90 days on their smartphone or smart device to help with accessing teams if it is eating in to your monthly allowance. I will leave a box with them in in reception should you require one. Please just pop in and help yourself. I have also heard that you can access a browser through your Xbox or PlayStation if you have a keyboard. I have hunted out 6 keyboards and should anyone wish to loan one, please let school know.

All of the children who are in school have retuned with enthusiasm and I am very proud with how well they are sensibly conducting themselves around school. I have also viewed some of your live calls with your class teacher and again there are lots of engaged children which is just great. Keep up the goodwork everyone.

Please can I remind everyone over the weekend that we are in national lockdown and for the safety of school community we would be very grateful if you observe the strict rules that are in place to keep everyone safe.

Have a lovely weekend.