Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. The children’s resilience and ability to adapt has amazed us all as always and I am sure they are all looking forward to a well-deserved break after just one more week of learning. We know that for many of our families, these are difficult times and we all need to help look after each other and support wherever possible. If you have other concerns at all, big or small, please direct them to your child’s class teacher via email or Seesaw and they will be happy to help. Alternatively email Chapelford admin who will be able to direct your query accordingly.

Thank you for the feedback received across the week about home learning and in particular the live zoom support sessions which are now available daily for both maths and English. The teachers have been delighted to be able to see their class and to be able to offer help and guidance throughout the day. Please do make use of these sessions as much as possible. The teachers are there to help in any way; this may be just a familiar face to say hello to at the beginning of the lesson, perhaps some reassurance that they are using the right method or advice about how to get started. Additionally, teachers will sometimes ask children to come on to the zoom session the following day once they have reviewed learning from that day so that they can correct misconceptions or add further clarification or challenge. Please do encourage your children to use this support as much as they need, whether academically or pastorally.

From Monday 8th March, we will be offering a weekly live reading session for all children, both in school and at home. As this is directed smaller group support, your child will be allocated an afternoon on which the session will take place. You should be able to simply click on the reading zoom link which will be pinned at the top of the page on Seesaw and got through to the waiting room ready to start the session. Some of our younger children may be reading 1 to 1 with the teacher whilst other children may be working in small groups. Class teachers will share session details and any further information via Seesaw. We understand that for some families, this will not work with work schedules and other commitments so please do not worry if you are unable to connect your child at this time. Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions or would like any further support. Additional levelled reading books are available for free download from Oxford Owl – an adult needs to register first and then will have access to a range of books.

Many thanks to those who have collected maths and English books from school so far. If you have not collected and wish to do so, please contact the class teacher who will be able to organise a collection time for you.

Have a restful weekend and take care.

*Kind regards*

*Mrs Joanne Hewson*