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Home Learning

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to share with you the work our staff teams have been busy creating over the last few days. They have designed a series of tasks that the children can complete while they are at home each week. This initial set of tasks have been designed to be completed over the next two weeks. More tasks will follow for the weeks that school remains closed after that.

Each grid of tasks has been created to allow you and your children the flexibility to pick and choose what you do, when. We understand that every household is different and there will be external factors that impact on your time in different ways. With this in mind we set no expectations of exactly what you should do each day but instead offer some suggestions of how you may start to look at establishing a daily structure where your children can access appropriate learning at home.

Some of the tasks on the grid are easy for the children to access and could be done for short periods every day. These tasks are based on reading and mathematics that the children are already used to accessing in school. Other tasks are more project based and link wherever possible to the learning the children have been focused on this term. We have tried to plan activities that can be done using limited resources or with open ended outcomes allowing you and your children the flexibility to be creative and use whatever they have available within the home.

In addition to the tasks set, class teachers will also be emailing some Early Bird Maths work each week. The introduction of Early Bird Maths across the school this year has had a significant impact on the children's arithmetic work. As a staff, we are keen for the children to continue to engage with this, daily if possible, to help keep their skills well-rehearsed and aid further progress.

We have provided all the children with a pencil and an exercise book for them to use at home. This can be used for any tasks that you feel are appropriate. These have been sent home with the children who have been in school and will be delivered to the homes of children who are self-isolating, at our earliest opportunity.

There are lots of other valuable resources becoming available online from different providers as they move to supporting children across the country during this challenging time. Teachers have started to identify some of these websites on their home learning grids but feel free to look at any that you find yourself as they become available. We always recommend that parents are mindful of online safety when accessing anything online and refer you to the 'information' section of our school website for more information on this.



Finally, please remember we are here to support you. A member of each department will be available each day via email should you have any questions to ask or for you to share the work the children are completing. Please email photographs or videos of work for us to see. We are keen to see the hard work that will be going on. Emails will be responded to at the earliest opportunity during normal school hours.

I hope you all stay well during the coming weeks and months and look forward to seeing you all again when the situation we are currently faced with improves.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Ridley

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