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This message to you signals another week ticked off. Thank you to you all once again for another week of exceptionally hard work. This week, the teachers have seen an increase in the amount of work and interactions appearing on Seesaw so thank you to all those who have begun to use it more regularly. Just to remind you that your photos and uploads do not have to be solely restricted to work sent out by the school. If your child has done something or made something which they want to share with their teacher, please do.

Plans for the week beginning 4th May has now been sent out by the teachers and will also be uploaded onto the school website. As I mentioned in the letter sent out previously in response to survey feedback, the teachers are continuing to adapt and respond to your needs and we have tried really hard to cut down on the need for printing. Please do check planning and decide based on your own set up if resources do actually require you to print and note that there will always be an alternative. Furthermore, we have done our best to ensure the reduced need for screens but I know you will understand that there is a balance to be found to ensure that teaching does not fall solely to parents and that your families feel supported through help videos provided by the teachers or useful websites we have found.

At Rackham, we have always placed a great deal of importance on collecting and responding to pupil voice. To that end, this week all teachers in KS1 and KS2 have allowed for a slot in the week for your children to respond to a survey about their home learning. We know that many KS1 children may need support from you to answer this survey (thank you in advance for that) and have therefore made sure that this is not an additional task for you or for them. Whilst you may need to help read the questions and type their answers, please ensure as best you can that the answers come from the children themselves and encourage them to be honest - no one is going to get in trouble as a result of their opinions but it is important that we have an accurate picture of how they are feeling about their work. Each team has also devoted at least one question to asking the children for ideas about what they might like to learn about. This is in line with our 'Curious Curriculum' (please see the website for more details on this) which ensures that the children feel they have a voice and are invested in what they learn. Please note that the survey can be completed at any point in the week and I would therefore encourage you to fit that in a time that best suits your family.

I wish you all the very best for the weekend and the coming week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,
Mrs Ward
Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Lead
Deputy Head

