

Thanks to all parents who completed the home learning survey.

Thank you for all the very positive comments - they mean a lot to the teachers, teaching assistants and support staff who are working hard under difficult circumstances. **The vast majority of parents are happy with the home learning provided.**

Many parents would like work to be printed off for them to collect – we can do this. Please message your class teacher / Mrs Mac

Some parents said that they would like some support using See Saw – a link to a useful video has been sent out. If anyone is still struggling, please let us know and we will organise a Zoom meeting to support you.

Check ins for home learners with school staff – Many check in each day using SeeSaw messages. We will start to introduce some live check in sessions and see how well it works. These will be carried out using Zoom.

Teaching videos to accompany learning activities – we will try to start increasing the number of teaching videos or spoken instructions that we include. Our Maths programme already has teaching videos provided. Some of our staff will be trialling using teaching video lessons in the next week.

Live learning - Due to a number of reasons including technology, excessive pressure on teachers and safeguarding and confidentiality issues we will not be introducing whole class live learning along with in school learning. However, we do plan to introduce some smaller live teaching sessions for children with additional needs. This could be some 1:1 sessions or small group sessions with either the teacher or teaching assistant. We have started to introduce these and if successful we will hopefully continue to expand on this.

I am absolutely amazed by the home learning being sent by staff and responded to by pupils and parents through SeeSaw. It really is fantastic. Well done to staff and parents. Special thanks to Mr. Turner for overseeing home learning and for taking responsibility for year 5 home learning whilst Mrs Terry has been signed off work.

If you are struggling with home learning, please remember that for now we are all just doing what we can – don't put too much pressure on yourself or your child. If it isn't working for you – do something different. Even if you can just read with your child – you are helping them. There are lots of websites offering free online books for children. Here are a few suggestions

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/> <https://ngl.cengage.com/> (non- fiction)

<https://bookdash.org/books>.

All these websites offer free online books : CBeebies, Daniel Tiger's Neighbourhood, DoozyMoo, Free Kids Books, Loyal Book, Magic Blox!, Maisy Fun Club, Sesame Street, Story Time From Space, Toon Books

Set yourself realistic goals – don't try to do too much. Remember we are here to support you.

Every day now, we get more than 2 extra minutes of sunlight as the days grow longer, snow drops are starting to appear and every day more people are getting vaccinated. We are moving towards better things!

Take care and God bless.

Mrs Barlow

