

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## **Remote Learning**

Dear Parents/Carers

Following last night's announcement of a national lockdown, we have been preparing for the delivery of remote learning for children at home from tomorrow. We are delighted to be able to offer Google Classroom as a platform for delivering learning. We think you will find this tool a much more interactive and responsive approach to home learning. With anything technological, it seems inevitable that we will experience some issues so we kindly ask for your patience whilst we resolve any unforeseen complications.

Tomorrow morning a detailed document outlining our approach to remote learning will be available to read on the school's website and we will keep you updated with any support.

We have made every effort to replicate the school timetable so that children being taught in the classroom and remotely receive the same provision. These timetables will also be available on our school website for you to view.

For the remainder of this week, we will be providing introductory activities that present this half term's learning R and new topic. There will also be a number of consolidatory activities where children will have the opportunity to review spelling/grammar rules and mathematical concepts that were taught last half term. As from Monday learning will be provided which should last for the duration of a normal school day. Across the week, there will be learning in different areas of the school curriculum and we ask that the children send ('turn in') their learning back to school each day so that their teacher can check the learning and provide feedback as necessary. In the next couple of week's we will also be launching exciting digital content to support learning. Letters about this will follow shortly.

We appreciate that this situation will present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this difficult time. Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can. It's important that your child engages with home learning and keeps to their timetable, although your child may change the order in which they complete the daily activities set. We ask that your child 'checks in' to Google Classrooms by 9 am each morning. They can do this by posting a good morning message on the stream page. Please make us aware as soon as possible if your child is not engaging so that their teacher can provide additional support (i.e. increased feedback or adapting activities to meet their needs).

As much as possible, we wish the children to type or use paper (e.g. with pen, pencil, ruler etc.) for any recorded learning. This is so that they have the opportunity to improve their ICT skills but also so that skills such as handwriting and presentation are not lost during this period of time. Anything recorded on paper will need to be photographed or scanned and then this image file submitted on Google Classroom back to the teachers. This will allow your child's teacher to give feedback.

Your child will need a device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can help support you. Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're experiencing any difficulties with remote learning, or you have any questions. You can do this using the 'private comment' facility on Google Classroom or you can email your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Lauren Palmer (*Curriculum Lead*)