



Friday 29th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning Term 6 - UPDATE

As I mentioned in my previous letter, the home learning offer for Term 6 will be changing. Based on several factors including parental feedback, the likelihood of home learning being required for a longer period of time and the proposed return of pupils in Years R, 1 and 6 later in Term 6 our offer has been reviewed.

We have worked closely with other local schools and the LSP to improve the format. Home learning has become more centralised to enhance the provision for all pupils while also recognising the huge stretch on school staff as they face the complex challenge of providing full time teaching on site while also supporting pupils from Year 2-5 who are home learning. Resources **for all year groups** will continue to be made available each Friday in the 'Class Pages' section of our website. The learning resources have been well received by schools and families who are currently using its format and I am confident that it will provide the best learning available for our children within the complex situation that we are in.

The class learning is now presented on a 'Home Learning Overview Sheet' made up of two pages of A4 with all links included in this. There is a clear progression of learning through the week covering reading, writing, phonics (EYFS & KS1), spellings, science, PE and wider curriculum. There may be some additional documents that you will need and these will be on your child's class page for you to download alongside the home learning document.

Your child has access to Bug Club (referenced on the 'Home Learning Overview Sheet' as ActiveLearnPrimary). Their teacher will have selected several books for them to read at home, based on their reading ability, which they can access electronically via. Active Learn Primary. You will receive your child's log-in details on Monday 1st June during the school INSET day.

You can choose when to complete the Home Learning activities. There is no right way to timetable the week! The English learning is through the Oak Academy and there is a clear pre-recorded video lesson. The maths learning is through WhiteRose Maths as the feedback for this was really positive from our families and it is a format familiar to our children as we use it in school too. We are also looking at ways to develop our interaction with the children and there will be more information about this as the term progresses. The children in school will predominantly be accessing the same curriculum offer as those home learning.

When the partial reopening of schools takes place at a future date, we are still here to support those of you who are home learning and will continue to provide regular feedback on work and respond to emails for Years 2-5. As you will appreciate, we are a small staff and as we prepare to follow safety and social distancing guidance and manage the wealth of safety guidance that we need to follow alongside our endeavours to provide as positive an experience as possible for those children attending



school we have had to prioritise Years 2-5 for home learning feedback. For those Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils who may not be returning when we do reopen to them, we will endeavour to respond to your emails and questions where possible but with a very limited staff team available to do so and we thank you in advance for your patience with this. Please continue to check the website each Friday for the following week's learning.

Please continue to send your pictures into the school office or to your class email accounts and we will do our best to carry on sharing them in the newsletter and via the website. It is lovely to be able to see the children and the activities that they have been busy with at home.

If you are facing financial difficulties, as I have mentioned previously, please let school know as we are here to offer our support and signpost you to those who can help. Equally if you need a replacement exercise book or are struggling to access the technology required please contact school.

I thank you for your kind words and thoughts at this time and for showing your compassion towards our school family for the wide range of situations that our pupils, parents and staff are facing.

Many Thanks

Amy Townsend

Headteacher