



Friday 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning Term 6

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 potential return of pupils in Years R, 1 and 6 at the start of 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.

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 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.

There will continue to be English and Maths lessons alongside some outdoor learning, physical learning, science and a creative learning activity, which can be completed when the timing best suits your family. As always please continue to use bug club to read with your child, access times tables rockstars and practice your 5 maths fluency points.

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.

I am sure you appreciate the many challenges we are facing at this time and we thank you in advance for your support and compassion. Our school team has worked incredibly hard since the school closures were first announced and I am proud of the determination and commitment that our staff have shown in continuing to support children and families throughout this time despite the immense pressures that they have been facing personally and professionally and would like to take this



opportunity to thank them. They are a credit to our school community. I would also like to thank you for the hard work that you have put in to support your children during this time. The smiling faces in the photographs that we receive and the enthusiasm that is clear in their writing show the wonderful work you are doing to keep your children learning, engaged and ready for when they return to school.

As always, just do what is manageable for your family circumstances. You are all facing different situations and may be struggling to share broadband connections, looking after vulnerable family members and supporting multiple children at once. Rest assured that you are doing your best and we are proud of you. 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.

Next week is half term and as such no home learning will be sent out. Please spend the time resting, having fun with the children and hopefully enjoying some sunshine. We will be in contact with you with further information before the new term begins. Staff have also been told not to check their emails over the next week as they will be busy preparing for term 6 and also need to take a well deserved break.

I thank you for your kind words and thoughts at this time – we miss our Wraxall family.

Many Thanks

Amy Townsend

Headteacher