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Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning and Staff Training Days

Following a review of our home learning offer, we are now able to share recently updated expectations and resources to support children both at home and in school for the next four weeks and during the summer break.

As a priority and a minimum expectation, we would like families to ensure children are spending time each day practising the key skills of Reading, Spelling and Maths. By supporting us with this at home, we hope that children are able to maintain these vital skills whilst they do not have access to regular teaching and learning. Our children have access to some great online resources to help engage them in this daily practise and although we know that many families are busy with other commitments, we hope that by completing the following tasks, children will be able to maintain their skills which will prepare them well for a future return to school. The activities will enable children to practice skills in short, sharp bursts and we advise that children spend no longer than approximately 20 minutes on each platform.

We would like children to access the following:

- Reception and Year 1 – Reading Planet **each day** alongside Numbots (logins to be shared via Tapestry for those who don't already have them) and daily Letters and Sounds phonics videos.
- Years 2-6 - Reading Planet and Fluent in Five **each day** alongside Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed on alternate days.

The updated expectations will be shown on the weekly overviews that are shared via Google Classroom and Tapestry each week. Website links will also be included. We will also be making these available each Monday on our school website. Weekly overviews will continue to have two activities for each day. Although we don't expect all children to engage with these, we appreciate that many families value the opportunities and would like their child to have more than the essentials to complete. The EYFS team will continue to provide their weekly video and challenges.

For children in Years 2-6, teachers will also be providing weekly opportunities to engage in live online games on TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. The day and time that your child's class will be invited to these activities will be shown on the weekly overviews in Google Classroom. We have timetabled these so that in households where there are

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siblings, their live games will be at different times to enable all children to join in, should they so wish. Feedback from children who have already trialled some of these activities is very positive so we hope that you can encourage your child to get involved. Please find attached a short set of instructions to help children access these activities from home.

If your child is struggling to access any of the above resources, please contact school to discuss how we can support your child with learning from home. Any technical issues, including login details, can also be resolved through school so please make contact via the school office.

Within the next week, we will be writing again to families to share details of class video calls which we are going to be setting up for the last three weeks of term. These sessions will provide an opportunity for children to interact with a group of their peers and their class teacher. To minimise the risks associated with online interaction, school will be completing a robust risk assessment, seeking consent from parents and sharing clear expectations for engagement for children and their families to follow. More information will be with you as soon as the details are finalised.

Finally, in preparation for September and in response to recent events, we have reviewed our staff training dates for the next academic year. This means that on the following dates, school will be closed to all pupils:

Monday 7th September 2020
Tuesday 8th September 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 12th April 2021
Monday 26th July 2021

We hope that advance notice of these revised dates will support families in making any necessary childcare arrangements.

As always, we hope that all of our families continue to be safe and happy. Should you need to discuss anything with a member of staff, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Many thanks,

Nicola Jones
Headteacher

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