

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

With remote learning well underway now we have been pleased with how it has been received by both pupils and parents at home. Whilst this provision will never replicate what we do in school we hope it has provided families with a level of structure and support at home. We really appreciate how challenging providing home learning for your child can be, particularly for parents who are also working from home and those with a number of siblings to manage!

We have had a number of meetings in school to evaluate our remote provision so far and have come up with several improvements that I hope will help you and your child(ren) further.

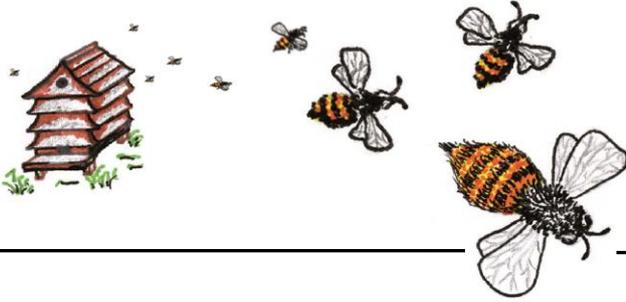
Small group Zoom sessions

We would like to invite your child to a small group session with their class teacher once a week. This will give an opportunity for the teacher to recap previous learning and for your child to share their learning experiences in a smaller group. It would also provide an opportunity for children to interact with their class teacher with a little more freedom than the larger Zoom sessions. Please look out for these in a separate email from your child's teachers this week. The potential issue we foresee with this is that it may clash with other Zoom sessions across the school, which we initially tried hard to avoid two weeks ago. It would be really beneficial for your child to attend these sessions but if this creates additional stress at home then please don't worry about joining them.

Specific work to submit

Thank you to parents who have submitted their child's learning through the year group email addresses. We love to see your child's work and try our best to reply to every email. Moving forward, we would like to identify key pieces of work that we'd like children/parents to submit each week. The key pieces of work will be carefully chosen so teachers can support your child further with their learning, providing feedback for their next steps. With the high number of pieces being submitted, it will take time to look at them individually. We aim to provide feedback for all work within 2 working days. The specific work to submit can be found on your child's learning timetable. Our intention is not to put parents under additional pressure here, rather to potentially reduce your time spent submitting all work (although this is still fine!) and for teachers to offer your child specific feedback at key checkpoints.





How learning packs are sent and how work can be submitted

In school we use an online platform called **Purple Mash** which I know children in Key Stage 2 will be familiar with. Our intention is to trial the way learning packs are sent out and work is submitted in Years 3-6. This will enable pupils to access it at home and enjoy the activities as well as being able to submit work to your child's individual account. Furthermore, we recognise that when we send ZIP files on our communication system in school, some parents struggle to access the documents. We will begin to trial sending learning packs on Purple Mash to make it easier for children and parents to access the learning packs and activities. Full instructions will be provided by your child's teachers in a separate email.

EYFS and KS1 children: Purple Mash logins will be distributed this week. As this is new for these year groups, we will give some time for you and your child to get used to the programme first. Therefore, timetables/packs will be emailed in the usual way on Friday. Work can be submitted via the year group email as normal.

I hope that the adjustments to our provision will provide further support to you at home. Please rest assured we are doing all we can to support pupils in school and at home within the constraints of how we are able to operate.

Thank you for your incredibly positive feedback on our remote learning provision so far. Any constructive feedback is always appreciated so we can improve our provision in the future.

Don't forget that if you are struggling with internet connection or with access to laptops/tablets, please get in touch with the school and we will try our best to help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. J. Street".

Richard Street

Headteacher

