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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Home Learning

Home Learning

As you are aware, school continues to remain closed until further notice. Despite the school's closure, we will still endeavour to support your child's learning and progress during this time. Your child has been given access to a variety of learning materials linked to the Year 1+2 curriculum topics for the first half of the summer term to support their learning at home which is available via 'Google Drive' through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yabs9une> This learning material is organised by subject then by lesson. You will find the content of each lesson available through a slide show that will also include key questions to discuss with your child and instructions for the activities they are to complete that lesson. They have been posted a new homework pack for them to complete work each day, which links directly to the lessons available online.

We recommend that your child completes one lesson per subject each week. We suggest spending between 15-30 minutes discussing the content of each lesson with your child and then allow them to complete their activities independently. Furthermore, we suggest that you implement 'learning timetable' that we have sent with your child's homework for your child to follow, to support them in organising their time and to ensure that they complete the appropriate amount of work each week.

Maths

Your child has been given an individual login for the maths online program 'Mathletics': <https://login.mathletics.com>. Please encourage your child to utilise the online Mathletics programme **every day** at home, using their personal login, to give access to maths activities specifically set by their class teacher to support your child's learning in mathematics during this time. We recommend that your child uses Mathletics daily, for a minimum of 15-20 minutes, in order to continue to consolidate and develop their key mathematical skills. Your child has also been sent a booklet of maths activities, to complete weekly as part of their home learning routine. Furthermore, please support your child in regularly practicing their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and mental maths skills at home.

English

Your child has been sent English activities within their main activity booklet to support their learning in English each week. This is to supplement your reading routine at home. It is imperative during this period of time that your child also reads independently, is heard read or is read to **every day**. We recommend a minimum of 20 minutes per day for children in KS1.

Your child has also been given access to 'Lexia', a fun computer-based program that builds on our classroom learning and supports your child in developing their reading, spelling, vocabulary and comprehension skills. Your child will work through a set of activities matched to their reading ability. These activities help them to practice their skills, while also tracking their progress and providing feedback to your child's teacher. We would like your child to continue using Lexia at home during this period of closure to support their progress in this important area of their learning. We recommend using the program for short, regular periods (e.g. 15 mins **every day** rather than an hour once a week) for maximum benefit.

Easter Homework

Your child's Easter homework and the pack they have received today will be due to be returned to school on their first day back. This will be marked by the class teacher, feedback provided to your child and used as a way of monitoring your child's progress during this time.

Further Guidance & Support

We are regularly updating our website with guidance from the government and with a range of materials to support your child and family's health and well-being at this time. In addition the school remains staffed during this time, we would like to assure all of our community that we are available by phone should you require any additional support.

If you are unable to access the online learning materials at home please get in touch with the school via phone so that alternative provision for your child can be made.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Byrne

(Headteacher)

