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Dear Year 1-4 Parents

I would like to firstly wish you a Happy New Year, yesterday was quite chaotic with a burst pipe and we didn't get the opportunity to welcome back our Key Stage 2 children.

The first day of lockdown begins again, it wasn't the start of term we were expecting for our school! Thank you for all you are doing at home to support your child/ren. We fully understand that you are most likely also working from home so we've tried our best to ensure that children will need minimal parental input.

We've been working this morning to arrange our home learning plans for your child.

For the remainder of this week, until Friday 8th January all home learning will be set using Tapestry (Reception class only) Google classroom, IXL, Purple Mash, TT Rockstars and Education city. The teacher will monitor completed work once a day.

Please check your child's Google Classroom for messages, updates from the class teacher.

Home Learning beginning 11th January 2021

- The topic web and knowledge organiser will be added to Google classroom
- A timetable will be shared with you for your child's learning.

Morning sessions

9.00am - there will be a pre-recorded Phonics session for children from Reception to Year 2. Specific groups in Year 3 and Year 4 will be invited to Phonic sessions.

9.00am - Year 3 and Year 4 - Spelling sessions, work set on Google classroom



Daily Sessions

English

9.30am - the teacher will be live with an English session, this will also be recorded so don't worry if you can't make that time slot due to work commitments.

10.00am - one day a week a group of children will work in a guided English session with the teacher. The teacher will let you know via Google classroom when this will be for your child. All other children will work independently at home.

Maths

11.15am - the teacher will be live with a Maths session, this will also be recorded so don't worry if you can't make that time slot due to work commitments.

11.35am - one day a week a group of children will work in a guided Maths session with the teacher. The teacher will let you know via Google classroom when this will be for your child. All other children will work independently at home.

During the afternoon, Topic work will be set and the children will work at their own pace. Teachers will monitor the children's completed work.

Please remember that we are also supporting critical worker children and vulnerable children in school so you will not get an immediate response to a question.

Please be aware that there will most likely be "teething" difficulties, we are trying our very best to ensure that your child will get full access to a rich learning curriculum.

If you have misplaced any of the logins/passwords please let us know and we will reset them for you. If you require an exercise work book, please email the school office and we can provide one for you, which can be collected from the school office. Please note, this book will remain at home and not returned for marking by the teacher.

I will lead two whole school assemblies a week on a Monday and Friday afternoon at 2.30pm via google meet.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment in very difficult times.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher