



8th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 – SUMMER TERM HOME LEARNING

We hope that everyone is keeping safe and well during this particularly difficult time and that everyone is beginning to find some degree of routine as we settle into life's very different pattern in extremely challenging circumstances.

As we start the Summer Term 2020, the aim of this letter is to reassure parents about home learning.

We would like to assure all parents and carers that in this unprecedented time, it is not expected that children will be following the pattern of a normal school day in their own homes, or indeed accessing a normal timetable or individual support on a regular basis.

The suggestion is that children undertake "a maximum of two to three hours of 'work' per day" during the week - which is seen as plenty. This will keep minds active and also enthusiastic.

The "school work" that we will be suggesting children are involved with, will be provided by your child's class teacher on a weekly basis. It will be based on topics and research work that the children would have been studying during this Summer Term and will also involve learning spellings and multiplication tables. We are intentionally, identifying and suggesting areas of learning that requires little or no access to technology to cater for everyone. The tasks suggested will be bite-sized chunks of learning that can be completed to varying degrees of success and depth by all of the children in the class. Books provided as school ended on the 20th March 2020 will enable your child/children to record any research/practice of skills or indeed mini topics undertaken. Work will not be assessed or marked by your child's class teacher-as this is not practical in the given circumstances. However, once we do get back to school properly these books (and indeed any additional ones that children may use) will be seen as a celebration of the home learning that has taken place this term.

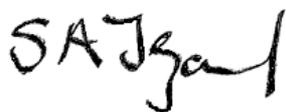
An outline letter to parents and children will be sent to all families by your child's class teacher on Tuesday 14th April and ideas for learning for the week will be posted on your school's website every Monday. Teachers will be allocating online reading books for each of the pupils in their classes to access on a weekly basis from Tuesday 14th April once the Easter break has finished.

Please remember that chores are 'educational' and encouraging children to help with household activities such as washing, cooking and gardening are educational, as is watching some 'good' TV or online streams, such as documentaries and drama. Nobody is expecting parents to replace the teacher at the front of the class – enjoy the things you can do with your child/children as they learn new things from you.

Hopefully you will find this advice both useful and reassuring as our teachers and yourselves as parents alike try to get to grips with educating children from home.

Wishing you a lovely Easter weekend.

Yours sincerely

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