

Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new term, I hope that you and your family are well and you have managed to have some sort of break over the Easter period.

The speed and volume of information being presented to us as educationalists and parents feels a little relentless at the moment, so I wanted to reassure you that our expectations are that you attempt to complete our Class Dojo uploads as best you can. We have made wider suggestions for you as we are aware that being able to build a daily structure or timetable can help with the day to day routine and keeping sane ☺. So please don't feel under pressure to supplement our uploads with other learning resources or search for additional programmes of study unless you personally choose to do so. Remember, it is our job to adapt our teaching to the place where the children are at when we return to school normality.

We are aware of the development of a number of online learning platforms, some have been advertised and some are linked directly to our internal schemes of work. We will direct you to some or weave others into our set work if we feel it enhances what we want the children to do. However, as a staff having reviewed new resources this week, we have taken the decision to use some home-learning web-links which have been published over Easter. Our Dojo uploads from next week will direct you to White Rose Home-Learning where you will complete the activities for your child's year group. This is allowing coverage of the ongoing summer term programmes of study and will possibly include some newer learning skills. As we are not there with you to amend questioning or resourcing for example to help with this, if the year group content is causing difficulty, you do have access to all year groups and any coverage or reinforcement of skills is beneficial so please do not worry.

Hopefully, you have been able to establish a daily routine that works for your family and includes some school work, alongside other home activities. We will come back to school eventually so we really do recommend some form of recognition of completing school work as this will help your child's well-being and resilience when we return as it won't be such a shock to the system. For example:

Morning Activities (could include)	Afternoon Activities (could include)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading and Educational Apps (eg TT Rockstars, Prodigy) ○ Fitness (eg Youtube: Joe Wicks, Just Dance, Cosmic Yoga) ○ Class Dojo Upload 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whole School Story Daily Activity ○ Idea from the Project Overview ○ BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons

As mentioned on the Dojo this week, now that we are in week 3 of school closure we will start to connect with families personally by phone. Just to say 'hi' and check-in really. If we have been communicating regularly or we have received messages electronically we will respectfully minimise contact at this stage.

Finally, I am sure that you are sometimes deciding to switch off the news and social media at times to have a rest from the steady stream of headlines. However as there has been a great deal of speculation in relation to the return to school and I would like to share with you that as a school, we have no guidance from either the DfE or Local Authority to even suggest when this may be. We hope to be given some time to prepare, however as previous announcements have called for a response with minimal notice we are aware that this may be the case. We hope to know something before it is front page news, again so that we can prepare both for the learning needs and social/emotional recognition of the relaxation of lockdown, but acknowledge that this may not be case either. All I can say is to reiterate that we are in this together, doing our best and we will find our way through with a collective approach of support and kindness.

Stay safe, stay well and take care

Warmest wishes, Hayley Adams



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