

Monday 20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a good Easter break and that you are all well and keeping safe. As we enter a new term with schools still closed, this letter outlines what the home learning will look like. We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe so for the time being, the learning will continue to be done remotely.

You will be emailed later today the work for this week and it will also be uploaded to our website www.wtwschool.co.uk Please do what you can but do not worry if you cannot complete all the work. Just do the amount of work that is right for your individual child and do not worry if it does not all get completed. We understand that each and every one of you is facing different circumstances and challenges.

If you have any problems, please remember that you can email your child's teacher during school hours. They will also be calling once a week so please feel free to use that call to ask for any help with any of the tasks, or for your child to share what they have been doing.

Please note that any links to internet sites and YouTube videos need to be supervised by an adult, and they may contain adverts. You do not need to pay for any of the sites we are suggesting.

If you need any additional pencils, paper or other stationery, please contact the school and we can arrange that for you to collect.

We are aware that the maths contained a lot of information in the previous work we set so we have addressed this and tried to simplify it. The children will now be completing maths work using mymaths.co.uk with some optional additional work using IXL. You will receive an email today from the school with your child's logon details. We have chosen mymaths as it teaches the children step by step, working at their own pace, combined with interactive activities for them to complete. There is then a 'homework' activity that they can complete and the teacher can see how they did and respond with feedback where appropriate. If the children are confident reading, they should be able to complete this with little support needed. The first time they use it they might just need some guidance about how to navigate through the site. They need to work through each of the numbered chapters (normally between 8 and 10 in each unit) making sure that they click 'next' each time until that chapter is completed, before moving on to the next numbered chapter running down the side of the page.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and to support children and families as best we can.

Please remember that Jen, our school Child and Educational Psychologist, is going to continue to be available on Fridays via telephone or Skype for the children and families she is currently working with or anyone else who is experiencing anxiety. If this support is something that you find you need, please contact me directly initially.

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon,

Andrew