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## Home Learning Update - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**We have been reviewing home learning at school and are putting in place some changes from next Monday – 8<sup>th</sup> June. The new system is detailed below.**

**Our aims for home learning are:**

- To ensure a consistent approach
- To provide work that is differentiated to suit the learning needs of all children
- To give clear instructions which enable students to complete the work, as far as possible, independently
- To provide a suggested daily structure to help children and parents establish and maintain routines
- To give regular and consistent feedback to children
- To make contact with children and families by phone weekly

**To achieve this we will use the following systems from next Monday:**

- **Early Years** – will continue to use Tapestry for staff to upload work and for parents to share things that the children have been doing.
- **Year One** – will continue to use Class Dojo to set and share work and communicate between home and school.
- **Years Two to Six** – will use Google Classroom to set and share all work.

## **Weekly Timetable**

For Years 1 to 6 there will be a weekly suggested timetable of activities to support parents and children with planning their day. Of course **you don't have to stick to this rigidly**. We understand that managing working from home and supporting children with their home learning is a difficult juggling act, but we think this is a useful guide to help you and your child manage their time.

*These timetables will be posted on the school website under the home learning tab and in the Google Classroom.*

- *The timetable will contain activities that your child can do each day Monday to Friday to include – spelling or phonics, maths blast (arithmetic based), reading, writing, maths, wider curriculum (eg art, science, DT, RE, PSHE, music, etc).*
- *Every day your child should have **at least** 30 minutes of physical exercise – a bank of ideas is provided but you could add in a bike ride, walking the dog or anything else.*
- *Children should read every day and reading for pleasure is a great way to supplement home learning.*
- *Every day will now contain a storytime session – either an audio or a video recording of a member of staff reading a book or an extract from a book.*
- *You can adapt and move this timetable round however you like and don't have to complete everything. We are giving this to help support you with a structure but recognise of course that home learning is hard and managing your own work demands alongside this is a difficult task.*

## **Year one bubbles in school**

Some of the year one children are coming into school each week. For the children who come on Thursday and Friday, we would like to start their timetable from Thursday (following the Monday activities). Their week will then run from Thursday to Wednesday each week. To help get into that cycle, additional activities will be posted for this group for Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Google Classroom**

**Year two** will have a shared Google Classroom, managed by both Mrs Boulton and Miss Humphreys.

*This is a new system for year two so usernames and passwords will be sent out via email from the office before Monday. All other children should already have their logon details – if you need a reminder of this, please contact the school office.*

**Year five** will have a shared Classroom, with work being set by Miss Gardonyi and Mrs Innes.

**Years three, four and six** will continue with one Google Classroom per class.

On the school website in the headteacher's update section and under the home learning tab, you will find help guides to using Google Classroom. If you require any further help, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

## **Other Systems**

Years two to six **will no longer use** Seesaw, Class Dojo or Twitter for communication or sharing work.

## **Communicating with Teachers**

- Early Years – Tapestry
- Year one – Class Dojo
- Years two to six – staff email (see list below)

*Please note that teachers may not respond to messages the same day as they are working in school on some days of the week, so in some cases it could take several days to get a response. Urgent or important messages should be sent to the school office.*

## **Twitter Accounts**

Currently the school has several Twitter feeds for different year groups and areas of school. We are going to review the use of these and won't be posting work for children to do here. We will respond to posts from parents about children's work but will be directing all work through the systems outlined above.

## **Extra Weekly Tasks**

As well as the tasks set each week, there will be a bank of supplementary activities on the school website that your child could do if they complete their other work. Some of these may be things you and your child could do together and some are promoting access to a variety of educational websites for consolidation and practise.

If your child completes additional activities from these, or indeed does something else of which they are proud, please encourage them to share them via Google Classroom.

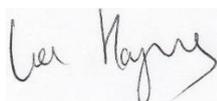
We will of course continue to monitor home learning over the coming weeks and will continue to tweak to improve things. Next week is the first week of the new system, so whilst we are striving for a perfect system there may be teething troubles which we can iron out over the coming days.

**Staff emails - for learning and work related queries**

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Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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