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'LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS. ' HEBREWS 10:24

Tuesday 14th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a sunny Easter break at home with your family. Let us hope that the warm weather continues as we welcome you back for the summer term. This will most definitely go down as the most unusual term in educational history, so let's make it the best one yet! As we embark on this journey of Home Learning together, please remember that this is new to all of us. We will all have slightly different approaches to what works best for our children and families, however we aim to provide consistency wherever possible and will, of course, maintain the highest quality provision. We accept that everyone has different work and family commitments and children with a range of abilities, talents, strengths, passions and skills. So with that in mind, please do not be afraid to ask for support with your child/ren's learning.

Routines and expectations

Having a daily routine with clear expectations is vital for children and will make it easier for your child/ren and for you to manage their learning. Many of you have said that you have been trying to keep your child/ren in a routine so that they find the transition back into school work easier to adjust to. I have included below a suggested timetable which will enable your child to complete their daily learning in a similar format to the usual school day, however you may need to adapt it to suit your personal circumstances. The writing in **bold** is what has been agreed will be the **minimum expectation of daily learning for all children** across the school. We recommend that every child does at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day and all children will also need to carry out a minimum of 30 minutes of Science and RE learning every week as well as a variety of other learning activities from a wide range of curriculum areas. Useful resources and links to complete this learning can be found on the **'50 things to do while on lockdown'** page and the **'Home Learning Landing Page'** which was sent out on the 3rd April.

If you need any further support with creating your daily timetable please get in touch.



Please see the timetable below:

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:00-9:30	Daily Physical Activity				
	9:30-10:00	Spelling, handwriting, grammar & punctuation I will set a spelling/handwriting activity every day and there will be an IXL grammar activity to do each day				
I will be online for support between 10am-12pm every day	10:00-10:15	Break				
	10:15-10:45	Writing Read and discuss the teacher support for the weekly writing task. (BBC video) Gather ideas and write your first draft.	Writing Proofread (check spelling, punctuation and grammar; does it make sense?), edit and improve (correct any mistakes). Upload for teacher feedback.	Writing Read and discuss teacher feedback. How can you improve your writing?	Writing Write your second draft with improvements.	Writing Write up in your best handwriting and upload onto Seesaw. Be proud of your writing.
	10:45-11:00	Break				
	11:00-11:30	White Rose Maths Watch the video together and discuss the maths questions. You can carry out your learning by completing the online activity sheet, printing it off and completing it or by recording your explanation of what you have learned.				
	11:30-11:45	Break				
	11:45-12:00	TTRS / Hit the Button / Manga High				
	12:00-12:30	Reading Reading for pleasure / AR quiz / Reading comprehension (weekly)				
	12:30-1:30	Lunch				
	1:30-3:30	Caring for ourselves - Cross curricular learning activities, '-50 things to do while in lockdown'				

I will be available online 10:00-12:00 every weekday to help you and your child with the daily learning activities and will ensure that I respond to any Seesaw messages by 15:30pm each day when the school day ends.

- Maths, spelling and grammar tasks will be sent out daily.
- A writing task will be sent out every Monday, to be worked on throughout the week (see timetable)
- A reading comprehension will be sent out every Monday, to be completed at some point in the week.

Please can you make sure that your child has access to the class Seesaw app and not just the family app.

Marking and feedback

Please upload pictures of any work done to the '**journal**' so that I can record verbal comments and also share fantastic work with the rest of the class.

I will give feedback on writing on Wednesdays and Fridays and also feedback on the reading comprehension once a week.

It will be necessary for you to sit with your child and support them with the daily White Rose maths lessons. The answers will be sent out daily to help you to address any misconceptions or mistakes. The feedback from children who have completed the first five lessons over Easter has been that the videos make the activities very clear and that they are enjoying doing the activities. You can do the maths verbally with them, they could also make notes of their answers, print the sheets or complete the answers on the template that I will send out each day. The choice on how to approach this is yours. Please feel free to upload pictures of any work/notes made and I would welcome feedback on how your child is doing.

Caring for Ourselves

This term our curriculum theme is 'Caring for Ourselves'. As a school we have put together '**50 things to do while in lockdown**'. Some of the ideas are quite short so may take just an afternoon, whereas other ideas are longer and will take up several afternoons. Please take photos or videos of your child completing these activities and upload them onto Seesaw, if you wish. If you have any other great ideas, that would fit with the theme 'Caring for Ourselves' please make a video or post a picture that we could share with the rest of the class.

Each week I will continue to make **phone calls home** to talk to the children and check if you have any worries or questions. I will be able to talk you through any of the learning you aren't sure about so that together we can provide your child/en with a unique and wonderful learning experience. Please take each day as an opportunity to be creative, to learn together and to make memories in your child's learning journey.

I hope the term brings about lots of exciting learning and I look forward to working with you all from the safety of our homes.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Larque