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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 that this finds you all safe and well and that you have all had a lovely Easter.

Welcome to the Summer Term - what a strange start to the new term it is for us all! For the first time in history we are starting the term in a very different way, through the format of 'Home Learning'. As Mrs Lewis said in her letter to you, it is a situation that is new to us all and I would like to assure you that we will continue to work together to support you in doing the very best for all of your children.

I would like to firstly thank you all for your amazing engagement with Tapestry and for sharing all of the great learning experiences that the children have been taking part in at home so far. It has been wonderful to see examples of how the children have been practising their writing and maths skills in a variety of ways, making videos of themselves reading and a host of creative and science based projects and various elements of physical activity that are enabling them to continue to build on and further develop their skills and understanding across the EYFS curriculum. It has also been lovely to catch up with you all during our weekly phone calls and see how everything is going.

As I have mentioned in our weekly phone calls, now that we are officially back at school, I have put together a more structured timetable in order to help you support your child's learning at home. In order that your child continues to build on their great start in Reception, and to



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enable them to achieve their true potential, the expectation is that they complete 30 minutes of each of the following on a daily basis:

- Phonics
- Writing
- Maths
- Physical Activity

Although I have set this out in a very structured timetable, I do completely understand that flexibility with your children and your daily routines is essential. So please do adjust the order or split up the timings of activities to fit around your and your child's needs.

I have set up a class login for the Oxford Owl website, which will allow you to access a range of free resources including e-reading books. From the home page, select 'my class login' then enter:

Username: abbotsham

Password: Reception

You can then select books to read online grouped by age or select – level, then Letters and Sounds Phase 2 or Phase 3.

The following link will take you to a page of useful shortcuts, including the White Rose Maths activities, Phonics Play and Oxford Owl: <https://bit.ly/3bIQTwW>

I will be available online daily between 10.00-12.00 to respond to any queries, as well as continuing my weekly phone calls and, of course, I will be checking Tapestry throughout the school day to see all of the wonderful things that the children have been doing.

Our whole school topic for this term is 'Caring For Ourselves.' A very apt and timely focus on being able to look after ourselves both physically and mentally, so that we can be the best that we can be to Love, Learn and Serve others.

Your children are all fabulous and have greatly developed their individual personalities and independence already in their first two terms of Reception. I am very much looking forward to continuing their learning journey albeit virtually for the moment, and supporting them in continuing to develop into happy, confident and well-rounded lifelong learners!

Thank you very much for your continued support, and please do let me know if there is anything that you are unsure of, or that I can help with.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Drew