

11th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Head of School - Ingrid Dowse
Executive Head - Amanda Parry

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday; it seems a very long time ago now!

We hope you have been able to access the activities we have been providing using Microsoft Teams. There have been a few teething troubles (we are learning as we go along too!)

Please do not forget that children are expected to join the online meeting at **10:15** a.m. daily so that we can talk them through the tasks and do some teaching, which should help you and your child to complete the work. It is always so lovely to see the children even though we cannot be with them in person.

We recognise that remote learning can be difficult, partly because the children really benefit from the structure of the school day. We know that some of you will also be working from home or have other children to care for.

Try and keep the time for learning activities short and sweet. If your child is finding it a bit tricky after 10-15 minutes, please change activities/tasks and come back to it a bit later. We will be sharing a variety of tasks as children learn at a different rate so please do not feel you have to complete all the sheets. Some children will just be writing a sound they can hear, and others will be confident enough to write simple sentences. The same goes for reading and maths. Please make the learning practical and fun!

We will be providing 4 tasks each day for you to complete with your child. Not all work needs to be returned to us, but we do ask that some (2 pieces daily) are returned so that we can see how your child is getting on and provide feedback.

We have also given you a list of activities that we would normally be doing every day. Please choose 2-3 from the list to do each day. There are lots of opportunities for learning in your daily life at home, whether that is helping with preparing meals, getting dressed by themselves, talking about programmes you have watched together or playing with games and toys. There are also lots of websites that are offering resources for home learning that you can access for free.

We appreciate how much of a challenge teaching your child at home can be and we are very grateful for the support you are giving. From what we have seen of your work so far you are all doing a brilliant job supporting your children – Well Done.

Hopefully, we can all be back at school in the not-too-distant future!

Yours sincerely

The Early Years Team