



7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping healthy and well as we approach the end of the first week of our third national lockdown. It has obviously been a challenging start to the New Year with the opening - and closing - of school on our first day back after the Christmas break. Here's hoping we will be welcoming all our children back after the February half term. School is never the same without our full complement of pupils and on behalf of everyone in school I pass on our thoughts and best wishes to all of the children learning at home.

In place of our usual weekly bulletin, I thought I would use the opportunity this week to explain to you all about our remote learning offer for the children at home as we move forward. Clearly, given the notice period that we were given at the beginning of the week, it has been difficult and things will therefore develop, adapt and evolve; I hope that the learning at home will come to mirror as closely as possible the learning that was planned for this stage of the academic year and also that which is taking place in school for our key worker and vulnerable children.

From next week, you will all see on the school website (via the Home Learning button on the home page followed by the Learning Projects subsection) weekly projects broken down into individual days and specific times. These can of course be altered, within the specific day, to suit your individual circumstances but we appreciate that structure and routine are vital for the children at home, especially if you are trying to work from home as well. It is important though that the daily structure is followed (the plan for Wednesday must be done on Wednesday for example) as the planning has a natural progression to it. Each day will consist of an English lesson, a maths lesson and one other lesson. There will also be "word of the day" work, other activities and opportunity for the upload of work onto Seesaw. This will allow class teachers the opportunity to offer feedback to the children.

The maths lesson for all year groups will be based on the White Rose maths scheme. This is a high quality resource produced by experienced and expert mathematicians that provides engaging and challenging activities. It works closely alongside Power Maths, the scheme we use in school. Both resources embrace the mastery approach to maths and closely follow the long term planning we have in school.



Within the Maths Projects subsection of the Home Learning section, you will be able to find worksheets that complement the video lesson and also answer sheets.

The English lessons are, in the main, pre-recorded lessons produced by the National Academy (Oak Academy). This respected academy chain have been funded directly from the DfE to produce this package to support schools in the event of a remote learning/blended learning scenario. The lessons follow the planning we have in school and therefore children at home will be accessing the same daily learning objectives as their peers in school. The lessons are interactive and give the children time to think, reflect and produce independent work.

Every day, there will also be a third curriculum lesson. Where possible, the third lesson will also be supplemented with a link to a pre-recorded video lesson or other similar quality online resource.

All of these sessions will be added to throughout the week with regular pre-recorded videos on Seesaw from your child's class teacher. This will ensure the all-important face to face contact continues and give opportunity for feedback. We will also be looking into the development of live teaching sessions next week.

I hope this helps to give you all a clearer understanding of the remote learning package. Of course, we will continue to reflect, review and build upon our offer. In order to do this, I really do welcome your feedback; thank you to those of you who have already been in touch.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

With very best wishes,

Rob Slater  
Head of School

