



Home Learning: Update 20th April 2020

Seesaw

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are keeping well during the lockdown and hope that you have found the knowledge organisers on our website useful. We are going to continue producing these weekly and they will be posted on the website every Monday for the week ahead.

In addition to this, we are going to start using online software called Seesaw, which is a free App. Each class has created their own page and on this page daily work will be set by your child's class teacher. It is a digital portfolio for each child. Your child will have their own private page, which only you and the teacher can see and comment on. Today you will receive an email via ParentMail requesting that you complete a permission form. Once this is completed and returned, we will then send you your child's log in details which will again come through ParentMail. It is very straightforward to download the app or access it on the Internet.

We would encourage you to send us photos of what the children are doing at home, whether that is related to the work set or not. They can practice their typing skills and send us messages. They can also upload short videos or audio of themselves. Please note that when work is posted it will be 'pending teacher approval'. Teachers will need to check and approve it before it appears on the child's page. We will be learning how to use it along with the children, so please bear with us if we make mistakes in the first few weeks!

You can also contact the teacher through your child's Seesaw page if you have questions regarding the work we have set, or for ideas of additional things to do, resources to access etc. Teachers will normally be contactable from 9am until 3pm each day, Monday to Friday.

Please also note that from today, you will be able to access regular daily lessons in English and Maths, as well as other core subjects on BBC Bitesize. New Maths and English lessons will be available every day for all ages. Regular lessons on other core subjects, including science, will also be available. Parents can get advice on how to teach anyone who is home-schooling and the Bitesize website will also have guides for pupils with SEN (Special Educational Needs).

None of the above is meant to cause you additional work, add to your stress levels or cause tension at home and it is up to you, as the parent, to decide what your child does during this time. We are simply providing different ideas and options for you to use during the school closure.

As I said in my previous ParentMail, the teachers will be calling this week to see how you all are and to answer any questions you may have. Keep safe and well and we look forward to speaking to you and seeing you (online) in the next few weeks!

Stay safe,

Mrs Williams