



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Home Learning

Over the past week we have been gradually putting together a plan for home learning in the event that schools were closed. We did not want to overwhelm parents/carers with too much information and were keen to mirror, as far as possible, the learning that would have taken place in school. This has been challenging given the lack of information from the Government. In addition any online learning platforms have been overwhelmed by the volume of activity. Given the current impact of increased activity online and also for the wellbeing of the children we did not want to rely entirely on web based learning. We will therefore be taking the following approach:

- Firstly, we need to be clear that we are in an unprecedented national emergency. **It is not the intention that activities provided for home learning will replicate being in front of a teacher**, and there is no expectation that children will make the same progress as they would in school at this time. However, it is important that children have lots to keep them busy and to maintain their motivation to learn and love learning. Once schools reopen, we will be addressing how we can help children catch up.
- Today your child has been given an information pack which includes some general guidance for you and some activities they will need to complete. **We would advise that you read the guidance first.**
- We have set up a **Home Learning Page** on our web site. It can be found in the **children's section**. Each year group has its own page. Class Teachers will be setting work in two week blocks. This will be posted on the year group page.
- **READING**
- In your child's learning pack you will also find a letter from **Purple Mash** with your child's individual username and password. Purple Mash is a suite of online learning tools. Once we are up and running the Class Teachers will be able to set work for each class and eventually individual children. Your child will only have access to their own work and the system is fully compliant with GDPR regulations. The Teachers will be able to access the accounts of all the children in their class to monitor how they are doing. **We will let you know when your child's on line learning tasks are ready to access.** If you do not have access to the internet or a computer please contact school and we will look at alternative provision.
- In addition you will find a copy of 'My Activity Book' for you to print at home in the class pages. If you do not have access to a printer, please contact school and we will arrange to get a copy to you.
- We will continue to send a weekly newsletter via email to parents/carers to keep you up to date with any news.
- We also plan to send a weekly video message to the children on our website.
- Once we know how many children we have in school and the guidelines on staffing we will consider the practicalities of other alternatives.
- Please note all plans will be continually reviewed and are subject to change as the national situation evolves.

Please bear with us whilst we settle in to our new routine and set up the online learning. If you have any questions you can contact your child's Class Teacher via the office email office@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk