



4th January 2021

Dear Parents

We hope that you are all ok and have enjoyed a good break over Christmas. This term is not starting as we would have hoped and the uncertainty surrounding schools is adding to everyone's stress in an already worrying period for society as a whole. While we aim to keep you all as up to date as possible, the randomness of information being received via social media and then by officials, makes this a real challenge. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding with the difficult decisions being made.

Staff have been very busy today putting together work packs for collection tomorrow. These will be available for collection after 9:45am from the front of school up until 12:30pm. We will distribute when you come in. Please remember to observe social distancing and masks should be worn. If you have any difficulties collecting, please let us know and we'll do our best to help.

Work packs will contain up to two weeks work in case the circumstances regarding a return to school change. This work should not be all completed by Friday 8th! Remote learning is not ideal and after having the children back in a routine at school and working so well, this is not what we wanted as we enter the second term. Teachers will be in touch with the children via Seesaw each day. Hopefully the children will enjoy their work packs and remember they also have access to Athletics and P4 – P7 to Accelerated Reader:

<https://ukhosted6.renlearn.co.uk/2124881/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=t>

It will be so important to continue the reading habits we have been working hard to promote and we know you'll do your best with this. Nothing better than having a book in your hands every day and enjoying a good story together. There are also lots of online resources available such as Newsdesk on their C2k profiles and BBC Online Learning: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/primary/zd7p47h>

Please send pictures of work or even just your children so we can see how well they're getting on. (Staff will be supervising children in school, so may not be able to respond immediately.)

It is essential that we watch our children carefully during yet another time of stress for them. Their health and wellbeing is so important and while we as adults will have many things to be worrying about, it is vital that our children are kept happy and feel safe at all times. The work we are sending home is not meant to be an added pressure, but will help the children when they return and mean we can build upon the excellent progress we made together in the first term. If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to get back to you quickly.

Stay safe

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