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Dear Parents and Carers,

We know that many of you are spinning multiple plates at the moment and wanted to say how impressed we are that you are dealing with all that is going on whilst trying to educate your children at home.

Obviously teachers have been putting lots of resources on the VLE to try to support home learning but we realise for some parents that it has been challenging to try and navigate what should be done when and for how long. In addition, we are sure trying to print multiple worksheets has become difficult. We are also aware that for some families, access to a computer for all members of the family is not straightforward especially when parents are also trying to work from home. Therefore, after the Easter break we are going to adapt the way we structure the home learning.

After Easter, each class teacher will prepare a weekly home learning guide that will be uploaded ready for the following Monday. We will also email a copy. We will have a weekly whole school theme which the tasks will be based around. This home learning guide will contain some tasks which should be completed daily and others that can be completed throughout the week at a time of people's choosing. The majority of these tasks will be designed to limit the amount of time etc. that a computer / the internet is needed. Many will also be tasks that children can have a go at completing independently (dependent on their age and stage). We will of course still continue to direct you to online resources that you can use if you want to supplement what we have provided.

In regard to the Maths curriculum, there will be some open ended tasks and in addition we will provide you with clearly structured daily lessons and guidance from White Rose which is the maths resource we follow at school.

We feel this is a unique opportunity to take part in a more discovery based open ended style of learning. The objective is to create projects that all children can access that will engage them in learning whilst at home.

We would not expect children to be completing structured school work during the Easter holidays, however please do encourage your children to have a go at the Easter jigsaw activities during this period. If you do feel you need a more structured approach, we have uploaded 3 workbooks provided by TTS (one suitable for Early Years, one suitable for KS1 and one suitable for KS2) that you can use during this time and in addition there are the resources already available on the VLE.

Best Wishes

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