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Dear Parents and Carers,

We really hope all of the children have enjoyed their home learning tasks this week. From the many children who have uploaded their work onto the VLE, it is clear to see their engagement and creativity in the way they have approached these tasks in many different and imaginative ways. We hope this approach has allowed much more flexibility and the ability of children to approach their learning in a way that is of interest and relevance to them whilst sparking their critical and creative thinking skills.

This coming week's theme is 'Chasing Rainbows'. We really hope the children enjoy the tasks their teachers have set them. If your child is particularly inspired by a certain task, please feel free to encourage them either independently or with your guidance to extend the activity and add more elements. Do not feel pressured to make them complete every task on the grid.

This week, we have received some positive feedback from families who have also accessed the new Oak National Academy online classroom <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom> (funded by the Department for Education) which was launched this week. The portal provides three hours a day of online lessons for Reception through to Year 6 children. If you wish to supplement your child's learning, then you could use this free resource as well.

We hope that the children (Yr 1 to Yr 6) are finding the VLE a useful tool for accessing the activities and for your children being able to share their completed work and communicate with their teachers and their peers. Year R parents can access Tapestry. If you are struggling to access the VLE or Tapestry, please feel free to contact the office at adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk and Miss Sheppeck will be happy to help. Hopefully having the grids emailed as well has ensured everyone is able to receive their child's home learning easily.

As we have said before, learning can take many forms: playing games, building a den, cooking, helping out around the house and having proper conversation with others. Do not feel that your children are not learning if they aren't rigidly completing traditional school style tasks. When we finally return, the most important things children can have learnt through all of this is the ability to be self-motivated, use their imagination, be problem solvers and be aware of the importance of kindness and looking out for other people.

We hope the beautiful weather extends into next week and that you are all keeping safe and well. We are here to support you in any way we can, so do feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

