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Dear Parents and Carers,

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We hope you have had a good week and are staying positive. We are really proud of the way the children have embraced their home learning. Over the past few weeks, many children have uploaded the outcomes of their 'Home Sweet Home' and 'Chasing Rainbows' home learning activities. Please do encourage your child to share what they have been doing even if it is not specifically from the home learning guides – it's important to value everything the children have been doing including den building, model making or even helping around the house. Our teachers enjoy being able to respond to the children's learning and we feel that it is important that the children's learning is celebrated.

You should have received an email from Mrs Sheppeck this week explaining how to upload work directly to your child's teacher on the VLE, instead of just onto the general class thread. Please can you try to ensure that the work does get uploaded in this way so that it doesn't get 'lost in the system'. Year R children, please continue to upload your work onto Tapestry.

Thank you so much for your response to our weekly whole school challenge (please look at the photo galleries on the website for the outcomes). We have had several comments from the local community praising the children's rainbow art work and also the number of ways that children are showing their kindness in helping others. It makes us very proud as a school when the courage compassion and creativity of our children is recognised.

We hope the children enjoy this week's home learning theme of 'Super Heroes'. You will notice that we have not used the word 'Superheroes' as we want the children to understand that there are many real people in our society, who especially at the moment, are demonstrating true 'super hero' qualities.

In addition to the activities on our guides, there are a multitude of really excellent learning websites that can be used to support your child's learning. These can be accessed directly from our school website by clicking on the link from the home page to Home Learning Useful Websites Page. One of the links is to BBC Bitesize, which has some great resources including videos, PowerPoints and downloadable worksheets.

We are aware that some families are looking for additional reading materials for their children. Hampshire Library service are offering access to their vast library of ebooks:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/whatyoucanborrow/ebooksaudiobooks>

In addition, Oxford Owl are also offering free ebooks: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>.

We hope the sunny weather returns and please remember 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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