

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you for the messages of support we've received, it really means a lot to the staff who are trying their best to support the children in these challenging times. In addition, thank you to all the parents who responded to the WiFi questionnaire which was requested by the Local Authority.

We hope that the children are enjoying all the activities linked to the mini topic we have set. We are not setting deadlines for this work, as we are aware that flexibility in these current times is key. The topics will span two weeks allowing you and the children the opportunity to complete the activities within that time, especially where children are sharing electronic devices or where you are experiencing poor internet connection.

We are trying to plan a mixture of activities which can be completed without needing constant online access and reducing the amount of work that needs to be printed. If the activities can be downloaded then the work can be done in the books we provided at the end of the term. At the moment it is difficult for us to print and send home packs of work as the Local Authority have instructed us not to go into school, for the safety reasons, even to do printing. The only times I have been in recently is to allow the Local Authority access to undertake health checks.

Please remember there are lots of additional activities available on TV to supplement what school is providing. In addition, there are many resources on Oxford owls, BBC Bitesize and TopMarks.

A MASSIVE well done to all of you who have uploaded some of your work into your Hwb folders. The teachers are all commenting on the fantastic things you are doing at home, ranging from baking amazing cakes, writing fabulous instructions, doing your maths and taking part in daily exercise. Please don't feel pressured into uploading everything you do, and remember Welsh Government guidance *'is that you are not expected to be teachers, but to support your child's learning at home the best you can'*.

Teachers will be endeavouring to upload a film clip each day on their Class Dojo pages for the children, and already many children have been messaging the teachers, which is a wonderful for both the staff and the children to keep connected.

Please check the school's website for up to date information from the Local Authority and Welsh Government and if you have any problems or concerns do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher but be aware that we might not be able to respond immediately.

Stay safe, stay smiling, stay learning

Sean Clarke