

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding you have shown over the past month, as we adjust - like you, to the drastic changes that have taken place. The feedback we have received has proven invaluable in shaping the way we approach our support for you home learning and we hope that you are finding the process more manageable and easier to navigate.

We are aware that some parents are still struggling to upload work to the hwb but through Class Dojo we know that you are working hard in other ways, in their books, using books you have purchased and accessing the other online resources readily available. Please can I reiterate that we really appreciate all the effort you are putting in with your children's education and know that you are doing the best you can, which is all we expect. Please do not worry if you cannot do some or all of the work provided. Any activity you do with your child will be beneficial -even if it just walking the dog, playing a game, reading, gardening or baking together. During this time the children's and your mental health and well-being is paramount. That is why we have tried to make the topics engaging, practical, creative and fun alongside some of the more basic maths and literacy work. Remember if at any time you feel anxious or concerned about anything or need some extra support please contact your child's class teacher and we will do our best to offer further guidance.

Look out on Class Dojo for some of the work the children have done. The teachers will be awarding dojo points for work and highlighting a range of some of the work you have uploaded to celebrate your fantastic home learning successes and to maybe spark some inspiration for others too! The teachers will be aiming to upload a daily video of them to stay connected to the children in their class and are frequently messaging many of you and your children who have contacted them. Be patient with us if this doesn't happen every day, we are trying our best to keep connected but like some of you we are also experiencing internet issues. In addition, from this week, as we are unable to do the Friday achievement assemblies, we are going to celebrate our '**Home Learning Heroes.**' Those children who have sparkled over the last week, by doing some amazing work. We will share their work and they will be awarded 10 Dojo Points (instead of a certificate).

The next mini project will be '*Incredible Inventions*' and will last three weeks until the end of this half term. The information will be uploaded onto your child's hwb class on Sunday evening ready for Monday morning. We have kept the timetable flexible to allow pupils the opportunity to do the activities when they like but would like to reiterate that they should try and complete as many activities as possible in the time available. The reason why we have not provided a set timetable is because some children are sharing devices not only with siblings but with parents who are trying to

work from home. In addition, some children may wish to get all their written work done in the morning and then do the online or creative activities in the afternoon. This flexibility also allows parents to support their child/ren when it suits them or fits in with their family routines. The activities planned will be a combination of online and practical tasks that do not need the internet.

Please remember there are lots of additional free activities available on TV and the internet to supplement what school is providing and we have put a new list on the school website. Here are a few new exciting sites Mrs Clarke has found which you might like to try.

Tpet <https://tpet.co.uk/?s=home+learning+packs>

National Literacy Trust [https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI1t\\_dsaiG6QIVkuvvtCh1KeQ8zEAMYAiAAEgLxE\\_D\\_BwE](https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI1t_dsaiG6QIVkuvvtCh1KeQ8zEAMYAiAAEgLxE_D_BwE)

Oxford owl home learning <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

In view of the fact that we have no imminent date for the opening of school we envisage home learning to continue after the half term holiday so are looking towards our children to come up with ideas for the next topics. As part of the new curriculum we will have been working on over the last year a key aspect is pupil voice and using their ideas to develop the curriculum. So children if you have any great ideas for some mini topics which you think the whole school could enjoy and do at home let us know and we shall try and prepare something fabulous and exciting.

The staff are currently preparing your child's report based on the first two terms of school. In addition, there will be a progress report from the last assessments undertaken in school. The reports will be emailed as we are unable to photocopy them.

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

Finally we want to reiterate how appreciative we are of everything you are doing to support your child's learning. The work we have provided is there for those who want it and who are able to complete it, please do not worry if all tasks are not completed by the end of the topic. Remember to be kind to yourselves and to each other. We are all missing the children loads and are looking forward to seeing them in school safe and smiling as soon as we can.

Stay safe, stay smiling, stay learning

Sean Clarke

## This week's Home Learning Heroes

### **Class Unicorn**

Lottie - for practising reading phase 4 words, baking cakes and making packaging for them.

Charlotte - for writing lovely sentences about her sister

Billy - For writing a superb extended piece of writing when writing up a recipe

Darcey - for practising reading tricky words outside

Mabel - for reading a challenging yellow banded reading book

### **Class Dragon**

Joseph- For an imaginative set of instructions and advert-The Grizzly cookies!

Ella- For completing spellings, Phonics and Maths every day!

Rhys- Excellent baking and set of instructions on Apple Flapjacks!

Elsie- Fantastic Science experiment on germs and explaining what she had found out.

Freddie T- For some fantastic outside learning!

Keeley- For beautiful presentation and having a go at a range of Maths skills!

### **Class Griffin**

for working their socks off (and mum's too)

amazing cookery film, instructions and lots more

Lee -for some fantastic maths work, her gorgeous cakes and bespoke packaging and for keeping her dad on his toes too

Owen - for fabulous baking and instructions

Cerys - for a fabulous set of instructions to make pasta sauce

Huw - for loads of maths work

Harry P - for working hard with mum on his spellings, writing, baking and maths

Ruby - for gorgeous cupcakes, fabulous maths and her exercise routine seen on the PowerPoint (watch out Joe Wicks)

### **Class Phoenix**

outstanding maths work

for her recipe instructions

Phoebe H - instructions for her recipes,

Phoebe W - wonderful poster

Polly - PowerPoint on how to make cornflake cakes.

Alesha and Quinn -

Emme -

Macey-

Darragh -

Jess -

### **Head teacher's special mention**

who has been supporting the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust by doing a sponsored walk. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause please let me know so we can arrange something with the family.

Dylan Pryce -