

Monday 22nd February 2021

Remote learning update & Lending Library

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we have invested in the use of RM Unify and Microsoft Teams to further improve our remote learning provision. Thank you to all the children, parents and carers who logged in and supported us in our trial last half term. Thank you also for the feedback and sometimes, technical support you have provided!

After consultation with staff and following the feedback from yourselves, we have decided to continue using **'Zoom' as the platform for our live online lessons and Microsoft Teams for uploading children's work, communicating with children and marking and feeding back to them.** We feel that this is the best package to facilitate learning for children from Years 1 to 6. Early Years will continue to use EExAT as normal, which is working well.

From this week, we are setting an expectation that every child should aim to upload their **maths work and writing as a minimum**, to the relevant area on teams for their class teacher to be able to mark and provide constructive feedback to them. Where this needs to be uploaded will be dependent on the year group your child is in and your child's class teacher can support you with this if you are unsure. Generally, Key Stage 2 will be using the 'assignments' area and Key Stage 1 will be using the folders in Class Notebook. Your child's class teacher will acknowledge the work that is uploaded and will provide more detailed feedback on some pieces, which may require your child to edit and improve their work. This is something the children are very used to doing in school. Please note that working through the children's uploaded documents will take time for teachers, as they are still teaching and supporting children at school at the same time. Feedback will therefore not be immediate but our staff will endeavour to respond as soon as they are able to.

In addition to this, we are also hoping to further support you with your children's reading at home by starting a 'Lending Library.'

Each year group now has a dedicated day each week when a parent or carer can come and collect a set of reading books for their child. These books have been collated into the different 'book band' colours. Some year groups have more books in a set, some have less, dependent on the children's ages and the amount of books we have available.

Please only come on your allocated day and please only take **one set of books per child**. Please only take the correct colour book for your child; your teacher will contact you with these details. Books will need to be signed out and then signed back in on the following week. We cannot release another set of books unless the previous set is returned. Please be aware that our resources and funds are tight and we have limited books available, so these books need to be cared for and returned when they are finished with. In addition, if you have any school reading books at home still, please return them as soon as possible.

Please see the attached letter, which details which days are allocated to each year group. If you have any questions about our remote learning offer or our lending library, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Kirsty Outtram & Mr Martin Gallop

Assistant Head Teachers

Lending Library collection and drop off days

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Tuesdays	Reception
Wednesdays	Years 1 & 2
Thursdays	Years 3 & 4
Fridays	Years 5 & 6