

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a well deserved and restful Christmas holiday. We were looking forward to inviting all the children back to school to carry on with the fantastic progress they had made in the Autumn term, but unfortunately our circumstances have changed again and for many of our children they will be learning from home. We have learnt so much from our previous experiences with remote learning and have made changes to be able to accommodate and support all of our children and families the best we can. This letter aims to explain how we have set out remote learning for your child/ren.

Due to an overwhelming response from parents, we are now full, with the number of children we can receive at school, ensuring we keep 2m social distance. If you are a key worker and require a place, we would be able to accommodate your child in one of our Federation schools, please do get in touch with us.

Remote learning will begin for all children on **Monday 11th January**. We will be using the Class Dojo site/app and will be posting the learning up for the week each Friday so that families can prepare for the week ahead. Details of how to log into the Dojo site have been emailed out to you. Please do get in touch if you are experiencing difficulties accessing your child's Dojo page. Children who are accessing learning from school will be following the same remote learning as children completing from home, using our school Chromebooks.

ENGLISH AND MATHS

This term we will be using the Oak Academy online platform to access our English and maths learning. The children will be focusing on particular age-related expectations appropriate to the curriculum coverage for their year groups which will focus on grammar, spelling and writing. Year groups will be spilt into:

- Reception
- Year 1 and 2
- Year 3 and 4
- Year 5 and 6

Each daily lesson has a teaching tutorial for the children to watch, and activities to complete throughout the lesson. The learning sequences will provide 2 or 3 weeks of learning. This will allow children to develop grammar, spelling and writing skills to produce a final piece of writing or build knowledge, practice skills and use and apply understanding to solve problems. There is an expectation that children complete 5 lessons of English and maths each week but when you complete this learning is flexible to best fit the needs of your family circumstances.

Please continue to hear your child read daily and record this in their reading record books.

WIDER CURRICULUM (These are the subjects that we cover in our afternoon sessions.)

TOPIC (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY)

This term the children will be covering the same topic (history and geography) in both classes, which will be space and the first moon landings. The children will be set a weekly age appropriate activity based around the lesson explored each week. We felt this would be easier for parents with children in both classes to manage their children's learning at home.

SCIENCE

Our science learning will focus on the Human body with EYFS and year 1/2 children looking at different parts of the body and our senses and Key stage 2 children will investigate teeth, balanced diets and how exercise effects our body. There will be a weekly lesson with activities for the children to complete.

MUSIC

Mrs Jolliffe our music teacher for the Dartmoor Federation schools will be posting a music lesson each week for both classes.

RE/PSHE/FOREST SCHOOL

A weekly lesson will be sent out to each class covering the age appropriate objectives for both RE and PSHE. Class 1 will be exploring Judaism and class 2 will be looking at Islam. Our PSHE lessons will be focusing on key skills to enable us to adapt to learning remotely from home. Mr Thomas will continue to provide a weekly forest school session for all children.

WEEKLY FACE TO FACE LESSONS/TELEPHONE CALLS

Each week, Mrs Lee and I will be running face to face learning for those children learning remotely from home. These hour sessions will give the children the opportunity to discuss anything to do with the learning that has been set for the week and revisit and review their learning. The times for these meetings are as follows:

| Wednesday - (Class 2)- Year 3 and 4 | 10:30 - 11:30am |
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| Thursday - (Class 1)- Year 1 and 2 | 10:30 - 11:30am |
| Thursday - (Class 2)- Year 5 and 6 | 10:30 - 11:30am |

An invite to these 'TEAMS' meetings will be sent out to you on <u>MONDAY</u>, please accept the invite to join the meeting through the email you will receive. We are looking forward to seeing all the children next week. As well as this, staff will be touching base with our families through weekly telephone calls.

Resources for the children will be provided weekly and available to collect each Friday afternoon. We have provided every child with a new exercise book, pens, pencils and the activity sheets they will need for next week's learning. **Inside the children's exercise books are a list of all their individual login details for English and maths websites** we use in school and they are familiar with.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly by calling 01409 221420 or by email <u>admin@northlew.devon.sch.uk</u>

Many thanks for your continual support. Stay safe and well.

Mrs Cook and the staff team at Northlew