

Dear parents/carers,

Staff have been inundated with lots of learning from the children in both classes this week. It has been so lovely to see the children engaging with the activities that staff are uploading daily as well as other activities they are enjoying at home such as cooking, crafting and even outdoors with new arrivals of lambs helping out on the farm. Please do keep posting your photographs and home learning, as staff really enjoy seeing what the children are up to at home.

We are aware that households and circumstances change on a daily/ weekly basis. All we can ask you to do is your best. If there are days where other things take priority, then please be reassured that the children can pick the learning up another day. We are putting a wide variety of activities on the dojo site to keep children busy. Many of these should be activities that the children can manage by themselves or with a little support through watching the tutorials or you tube links we attach. If you have any problems or questions that you need to ask then please do message us on the dojo site or on our individual emails below:

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- Mrs Lee - slee@northlew.devon.sch.uk
- Mr Thomas - rthomas@northlew.devon.sch.uk

Currently staff are working alongside our SENCO Steve Williams to look at ways we can best support those children who find learning difficult. We are communicating with other teachers within the federation to look at a variety of ways to support our children as best we can. Mr Williams is also in meetings with staff at Okehampton College and is looking at developing a support program for our year 6 children in preparation for their transfer to year 7. He will be contacting parents of year 6 children over the next few weeks to discuss these ideas further.

This week letters have gone out to our new reception intake for September. A dojo virtual classroom will be up and running for these children which will begin after the half term holidays.

Support with Reading:

Reading is extremely important and we ask parents to continue with this as much as possible please. A fantastic and useful website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page> is free and children have access to a wide range of fiction and non fiction books (which are coloured banded) and also have the option to listen to stories as well as read them. Can we ask that you continue to complete your child/ren's reading records which will be helpful for staff when the children return to school. Another useful free site is : <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/> which has a wide range of phonics activities with interactive games for the children to practice, use and apply their phonics knowledge to read and spell words.

Finally, just to remind you that we have left a box of exercise books outside of the school for those children who need them. Please do pop down and help yourself to an exercise book if you need one. If they have ran out, please do let me know and we will make sure the box is topped up again.

Once again, on behalf of all the staff at Northlew Primary we want to thank you and your children for engaging so well with the learning activities that we have been delivering on our class dojo sites. Remember some days are going to be better than others and that's OK.

Keep safe, keep well and look after each other.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cook