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Dear Parents and Carers,

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to all parents and family members who we know are trying their absolute best to help support their children with their remote learning. We want to make it as easy as possible for your children to be independent with their learning and we are constantly looking at ways to improve what we offer. Thank you to all of you who have provided us with feedback over the last couple of weeks, it's been incredibly valuable.

In response to parent feedback, we have decided to make the following changes to our remote learning provision for our year 5&6 children from next week. These changes have been made to help further support families and to help children be more independent with their learning.

Maths and English

These lessons will be published onto Microsoft Teams at 8am each day. This earlier time will allow for greater flexibility for working parents and for children who are sharing devices with siblings. The hand-in date for these assignments will be 3:30pm of that day (regular school finish time) but children will be able to complete them up until the Friday of that week. On Fridays, there will be new work provided for all children who have completed that week's maths and English lessons, if not, they do not need to complete the Friday work and instead catch-up on anything they might have missed during the week.

Reading

A chapter of our current book will be read live at 3pm Monday-Thursday. A short quiz on the chapter will be published at 3:15pm. The chapter will also be available for them to read independently. We have placed this at the end of the day to help provide structure for the children at home.

Topic

It has become clear that some children are getting 'snowed under' by the number of assignments they are having to complete on a daily basis. We also want to encourage children to spend less time in front of a screen.

Therefore, we are going to change our approach to our topic lessons. We are going to move to publishing a menu of various topic lesson ideas and activities that children can complete throughout the week. This 'menu' will be published at 8am, every Monday morning. This will further support parents who wish to organise their own week of home learning with their children and provide some extra breathing space for them.











Class Check-In and Topic Show Case

Each class will have a weekly check-in with their class teacher and their classmates. These sessions will take place at 11:30am every Friday. This will allow class teachers to hear how all the children have been getting on, as well as providing an opportunity for children to showcase their topic work they may have completed during the week. Teachers will also award the star writer and mathematician of the week!

We have attached a weekly timetable of what will be provided on Microsoft Teams on the next page for your reference.

Teachers will continue to be available during normal school hours to help support your child via their class or maths team. We have reorganised and simplified our provision so that children can learn as independently as possible. Please encourage them to ask us if they are stuck or unsure about something, we are here to help them! Live maths or English support meetings may take place with certain children if required.

As always, we will keep our provision under constant review, and we will be seeking further parent feedback in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Padley Assistant Head











