



22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now half way through this half term and we have come a long way since lockdown started on 5th January.

I would like to start by conveying the thanks of all members of staff for the wonderfully encouraging emails, comments and gifts that we have received this week; they have really boosted our spirits!

Setting up remote learning has been quite a task and although we had started to use Google Classroom in the autumn term, swapping over at the start of January to using it as the sole means of remote teaching was a steep learning curve for us all.

This week we have started to introduce some "live" sessions in some year groups; these have been favourably received by both the children and the parents and we will develop them further over the next few weeks.

I appreciate the scheduling of these will need some planning to avoid year group clashes for families with children in different year groups. We will do our very best to minimise these and also look at the possibility of recording the sessions so that children can watch them at a different time if necessary.

These live sessions will be used for different purposes; to allow the class to see each other, interact and have a sense of being together, to allow direct teaching, to facilitate discussion following a lesson to deal with any problems or misunderstandings or to review the learning that has taken place.

May I remind you of the live lesson protocols - please ensure your child is appropriately dressed.

It has certainly been encouraging to see so many children accessing the live sessions this week - well done!

For any parents who would like further resources to support their children while they are working remotely, please see the National Literacy Trust website <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>

This is a great website which provides a wealth of extra activities that you could do with your children linked to reading and writing. There are a whole host of books, stories, quizzes and puzzles that you can do with your child.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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