

Dear Parents, Carers

Home learning update: April 2020

Welcome to the most unusual start to our Summer Term. Clearly this is not what any of us had planned, however, we have all rapidly adapted to our current situation. We've created a curriculum offer for the next few weeks that we hope is both meaningful and manageable for families. Some of you have found some brilliant routines and expectations that work for you, others of us are still finding our way: that's okay. What works will be different for every family and will vary for us on different days. Some days things will go to plan and you'll feel really productive, on other days it won't – that is completely normal and to be expected.

We appreciate that many families either have limited access to devices for online learning or are having to share. We also know that many of you are living, working and playing in small spaces at the moment which provide extra challenges.

We place a great value on having **the basics** in place as these are our foundations for learning. This is why we are asking you to focus on five main areas:

1. **Read every day**
2. **Practise number bonds/times tables** using 'hit the button' or simply just writing them out and getting an adult/older sibling to check them
3. **Learn the time and time facts for your year group**
4. **Write every day** remembering the joined handwriting that we expect of you.
5. **Stay physically active** to keep a healthy body and a healthy head. There's lots on offer to help this happen, even in the smallest of spaces!

If children, practise and build on these skills we will be in a strong place to pick up and move forward in school. Year group teams are also using '**Purple Mash**' to provide a simple range of year group specific learning each week.

The **learning packs** have been well received as these allow everyone, regardless of their availability to technology, to access learning. This new pack is based around a family-learning topic: '**London Landmarks**' for this half term. We hope that this will give you an opportunity to learn together and share on twitter how you are getting on: building on our '**learning, together and pride**' values. Once back in school, we'll be offering prizes to those families who have attempted different elements of this exciting topic.

Continue to help us with the basics that you can do at home and keeping children physically and emotionally well. Once back in school, our teachers will do a great job of closing the more formal learning gaps and giving children what they need most.

Meanwhile, we look forward to working with you over the next few weeks on our new Woolmore curriculum. **Teachers will call again** over the next two weeks to say hello to children. Remember, **our office is also open – we are here to help.**