

Dear Parent/Guardian and children,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your support this week. It has been lovely to see so many of you on Zoom. I have really enjoyed seeing the children's science work.

The 'learn something new' task has shown me so much diversity and imagination from you all and this has been incredible to watch.

My 'learn something new' task this week has been to learn to be patient. My wife works in a hospital and I have been at home with my son Oakley. He has been teaching me how to be patient. Being a Dad and a teacher is sometimes not a great combination. The dad in me wants Oakley to be the best at everything he attempts the first time, the teacher in me wants to teach him everything possible. This combination becomes difficult when you have been an impatient dad that feels his genius son should have learnt this activity by now. For example, when I asked him to point to a cow and he identifies a pig! I quickly learnt that Oakley was teaching me patience and the fable written about the Hare and the Tortoise was a great example of this. We all must identify that success isn't easily gained sometimes and that perseverance is the key. So, I will persevere with this task and keep you updated.

Looking forward to the weeks ahead, we aim to have two Zoom calls a week. One session will be to share the learning to be completed during the upcoming week and the other to discuss how everyone has got on.

The timetable is changing regularly, and we are now looking to teach new concepts so some activities will take longer to complete thus resulting in less activities being set. Please do note that Purple Mash has a plethora of resources and games so please use these as additional activities to assist/link to the learning set.

If you have collected a textbook from the school that is really helpful so thank you. This book is to be used for some of the activities we will set. We will note on the timetable and the 2do task when to use the textbook. Once the work has been completed then a picture of the work can be uploaded to the 2do task that has been sent. We have implemented this as we feel it is really important that the children continue to practise their handwriting skills. Please ask the children to try to keep to the handwriting rules (below) as much as possible.

Writing rules

- Write with a blue pen
- Draw with a pencil
- Mistakes to be crossed out with a pencil and ruler.
- All children to read through their work to check for the correct punctuation and spelling.
- Use phonics mat to help with spellings (added to the school website)
- Any misspelt words can be written above the misspelt word (if room) or to the side if the sentence has not been continued. The correction is written in purple pen but if you do not have a purple pen then please identify corrections with a different colour pen (black). Please note all pens used must be writing pens (ink or biro) and not felt pens.

Please remember we have a Zoom meeting Monday morning; 10-10.30 Allington and 10.30-11 Thurnham. Please use the same link that was sent out from the office on Friday.

Thank you for another week of incredible home working. I have really enjoyed listening to all of your feedback from this week and look forward to hearing about your work next week.

Many thanks

Mr Flisher and the Year 2 team