

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of term 3. We think you would join us in thinking this is not the start to the term any of us would have wished for. However, the circumstances we find ourselves in at the moment mean that this is the safest route for everyone. Even though it is not ideal, we will still endeavour to make these sessions effective and purposeful so that the children's learning continues. They had made such good progress in terms 1 and 2 and we are keen for this to continue.

We thought it would be useful for you if we outlined how remote working will work for your child. It is important to note that those children of critical workers who will be attending school will be accessing the same work as those working from home.

Primarily, work will be set through PurpleMash. The children have had all their log in details for this which you will find in the front of their reading record. Attached and on the website (Teaching and learning – Home learning – Year 2 – Term 3), you will find an outline of a timetable of lessons we will be covering whilst working remotely. Each day, the lessons for that day will go live. These lessons are sequential and are designed to be done in this order. Lessons are set for one day only to ensure the children do not get inundated with tasks. The timings for the lessons are just as a guide. Where possible we have given a brief explanation to help the children understand the work for that day.

Most of the work set is through PurpleMash. It is really important to get your child to 'hand in' their work on completion. Without this, we can not see the work completed or give feedback. The children will also have tasks set on Bug Club and TTRockstars.

In terms of marking and feedback, we will regularly check the feed for the day and return the completed work to your child. It is worth knowing though that we are running a teaching rota in school and so your child's teacher may be in school teaching through the day and so feedback might not come until after school. It is worth reminding your child to go back and check their feedback as they may have corrections or improvements to make.

At the moment, we plan to host a zoom meeting with the class group once a week. If we feel we need to change this for any reason, then we will let you know. Our first meeting will begin the week commencing Monday 11th January 2021 and the office will send you a link for it (a timetable of Zoom meetings for the week will be sent out on this day). Not everyone chose to sign the AUP for zoom meetings when they were sent out and so if you do not wish your child to take part then please ignore this invite. If you would like to sign this now so your child can take part, then please email the office for an electronic form to sign and return.

There are lots of other things the children can access if they have additional time. We have set some tasks on TTRockstars. They can complete extra games or activities on purple mash too. They should still be reading every day and this will be carried out on Bug Club. Here they will answer comprehension questions about the book (identified by a green bug).

Our timetable also includes a project based on our topic this term 'medicine'. Each week we will set a task for the children to complete over the week. This week it is researching about Edward Jenner. Here, the children can decide how they wish to complete this. It can be created on PurpleMash, made into a poster, filmed as a play or even created as a piece of art. It is the choice of your child. For this piece of work please either take a picture/recording of the work and send it to the office for the attention of the class teacher or upload it to purple mash (document attached).

Finally, we just wanted to pass on our thanks to you in these trying times. We know that it is challenging trying to run home learning whilst also working from home. We will do our absolute best to support you as best we can. We know we may get things wrong and may need to change things as the time goes on but we will keep you informed of this as and when it is needed.

Many thanks

The Year Two Team