

Northstead News

Newsletter 16 Friday 17th April 2020

Dear parents, carers and families,

Firstly, I hope that you are all keeping safe and well in these very difficult and strange times and that you managed to have a good Easter with your families.

In normal times, the Summer Term would be starting on Monday 20th April 2020. In order to help you with home schooling we have adopted a more structured approach to the guidance we offer, which will give the children a sense of school continuity whilst they are learning from home.

We are going to continue to use Class Dojo as our e-platform so if you need help to access this please get in touch and we will try to help as much as we can.

The teachers will continue to monitor their class page on Dojo daily and will respond to any messages as soon as they can.

On Monday mornings, the teachers will post a file on their class page with the learning for the week. They will also post a video to explain the theme for the week and the activities set. Some teachers will also be reading a class story to their class using the Dojo video link.

There will be a range of work and activities, which may take up to two or three hours a day, depending on the age of the child and how much they choose to do.

Activities may include:

English - a daily Phonics session accessed online - age/stage appropriate
- a weekly comprehension activity - age appropriate
- a weekly grammar / spelling activity - age appropriate
- a weekly writing task - age appropriate and linked to the theme.
- an expectation that all children should read daily.

Maths - a daily lesson using the Home Learning package from White Rose Maths via a link that will be sent by the teachers or other work set by the teachers.

PE - an expectation of a daily PE session – could be Joe Wicks (on Youtube) as we do every morning in school, or as suggested by your teacher, or the children can get creative!

There is not expectation to submit work for marking – where available, answers will be provided so that you can check and mark work together at home.

We will be setting a whole school weekly theme, which will make it easier for families with siblings - the older siblings could also help the younger ones.

The weekly themes planned so far are;

Week one - 'Our Bodies'

Week two - 'Our Homes'

Week three - 'Famous People'

Week four - 'Our Town - Scarborough'

These activities are designed to help you whilst school remains closed. You may choose to do all the activities, some of them or none at all – nobody will be in trouble if they do not take part!

The website coronavirusandschools.org.uk, from the National Education Union (NEU), has lots of great advice and resources for parents, carers and families. There is also a link to this on the school website in the News section.

Please remember we are still here to help, guide and support you through these challenging times. Please do contact us if you need any help, advice or support, either phone 362249, email parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk or use Class Dojo messages – we will get back to you.

Stay safe; stay at home, save lives. We will get through this together.

Mr Jim Lidgley and the whole team at Northstead Community Primary School