

Head Teacher
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Dear Families,

MPA Remote Learning

Today, the teaching teams have been very busy planning the remote learning for the children. In this lockdown the children will be continuing their education so the learning this term is based on their new theme.

New Themes

The new themes for each class have been placed on the website under the **Remote Learning Tab**. This will give you an overview of the subjects, skills and knowledge the children will acquire in their new theme. Please look at this and share this with your child.

Your child will need the key text to support remote learning and the reading experiences the teachers have planned. If you are entitled to pupil premium funding, the school can purchase this for you.

Resource Packs / Exercise Books

The teaching teams have prepared resource packs and exercise books for the children. These are available for you to collect from the School Office. We are going to stagger the times that you collect to avoid contact with other families. These will be ready for collection in the school foyer as follows:

	Collection Date and Time	What you are collecting?
Small Blues	Wednesday 5 January 9.15am to 10.00am	Phonic Packs Exercise Books Phoneme Chart Number Line
Holly Blues	Wednesday 5 January 10.15am to 11.00am	Phonics Packs Exercise Books Reading Diaries Microsoft Teams Login Details
Adonis Blues	Wednesday 5 January 11.15am to 12.00noon	Exercise Books Microsoft Teams Login Details
Silver Studded Blues	Wednesday 5 January 12.15pm to 1.00pm	Exercise Books Microsoft Teams Login Details

Remote Learning

The teaching teams have provided a remote learning timetable for each class. This is on the website under the **Remote Learning Tab**. Each class will share the learning tasks for the day with you by 8.30am. In Small Blue Class this will be via Tapestry for all other classes this will be via Microsoft Teams. You will see that each day the teachers will be available to support you and your child via the chat option on Teams during selected lessons. You will not see them, but they can answer questions and provide feedback via the chat.

The teachers have provided the Remote Learning overview for each class on the website and this will tell you how your child will access the curriculum at home. Please look at **Remote Learning Offer**. You will need your Microsoft Teams Login to access the tasks the teachers post. Teachers will give feedback to one assignment each day.

As this is new to everyone, please be patient as we operate this way of teaching. I am sure there will be some technical difficulties to begin with. Teachers will be providing remote learning but are also required to teach the critical worker children so if you email any questions they will reply, it may not be straight away.

Butterfly Book Assembly

Every Friday at 10.00am we will hold a whole school assembly via Zoom. This will be where we celebrate the learning and the achievements of the children. You are all invited to join this if you wish. The details are Meeting ID: 915 1513 9719, Password: MPA.

THRIVE Support

Mrs Oswald will support the children who usually receive THRIVE each week with phone calls home and ideas to support families at home during lockdown. These will take place in the mornings.

Phone Calls Home

Due to the number of children in school for critical worker children teachers will not be completing weekly calls home. However, if you need to contact the teacher or need our support then please email the office. We are here for you, despite being in a lockdown.

FSM Families

As yet, the Government have not shared how they will be supporting families who are entitled to Free School Meals. Once we are updated, we will share this information with you. If you and your family do need some help and support with feeding your family, then please let us know and we will do what we can to help you. Please know that you are not alone.

WIFI

We have a number of Free Data SIMS for any families who need support. These offer 30GB to use for 90 days. These can be used in a smart laptop or smartphone. If you would like to collect one please contact the School Office.

This time round the threat of COVID19 to our families and friends is real. We know that in Suffolk the rate of infections has soared over the Christmas period. Please do all you can to keep safe. Please stay home and protect yourself and your family where possible.

Stay Safe

Miss E Churchman

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