

2020 – A Year of Change

Information for Parents and Carers

We would like to introduce the learning experience the children will be doing while at home during the period of school closure. We appreciate that these are tough times for you all, having to become teachers for your children, so we want to support you as much as we can in educating your children.

We are going to be doing a federation experience which will mean that all children, regardless of year groups will be doing the same experience. This will make your lives easier!

In this time of uncertainty we want to keep consistency, so the work we ask the children to do will reflect the experiences we do at school. Our curriculum is engaging, purposeful and real which is why we want to base our latest learning experience around their time at home. This is a period in time that will go down in history. We want the children to create a learning journal of their time at home and quite possibly in isolation, so that people will be able to refer to in years to come when they learn about the Coronavirus.

We don't want to focus on death and scare mongering/ fake news. We will deal with the data and science of the virus at the end when we know and can assess the impact of the virus. It is important that we steer the children away from the harsh facts around death as we would not want them to worry and become anxious. Therefore we want to focus around how this period in time has impacted on their lives and those of others.

At school we have been teaching the children the skills of journaling and it is has invaluable for building thinking skills and knowledge. Information will be put on website about journaling to support you, but the teachers will also be doing videos/ taking photos of this process to support you and the children.

We have sent home exercise books which the children can use as their journals, however, if you want this to be a special book – one to keep, please feel free to buy your own.

The children will be set weekly tasks following a video where we introduce the experience. Each year group will have the challenge pitched to the right level for the children on the class pages by the teachers. The challenge will be uploaded every Monday at 9am, we hope that this will give children something to look forward to. To find the challenge page, please visit the 'Curriculum' part of our school website and then select the tab which says '2020- a year of change challenge page'.

This learning experience will be done alongside the home learning on each class page which will be updated daily.

I would like to reiterate that this project will not be focusing on death and will instead be encouraging the children to continue learning in relation to the national curriculum. Examples of challenges will include things like: nutrition and hygiene which link with the national curriculum objectives.

This will be a collaborative project where parents and siblings of all children across the federation will take part, all doing the same which make home learning easier for you as parents. As the newspapers are saying that we all need to stick together, we hope that the weekly challenges will help unite us all.

As part of the project, please be keeping newspaper articles on shop closures, shortage of goods, people in isolation and most importantly how this pandemic has brought the nation together and the acts of kindness people are showing.

I hope you enjoy completing this learning experience alongside your child.

Mrs Mitchell