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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that all of our families are safe and well. Now that we are into Term 5, I would like to say a very big 'well done' to all of our families for all of your efforts to help our children while the lockdown continues. Staff are working very hard to provide an appropriate amount of work for the children. We are mindful that home learning can be very challenging depending on each family's circumstances. Please use your best judgment as to how much you attempt to do at home; however, it is important to aim to:

- Maintain some consistent routines to help children cope with life in lockdown and help them transition back into school when we eventually return.
- Have some minimum expectations for learning each weekday. These will vary for each child; however, schools are concerned that children will fall out of the habit of needing to meet expectations - making the return to school harder. Maintaining these expectations can be supported by encouraging your child to feedback to their teacher by commenting on the class blog or by sending us a photo of their work.
- Maintain reading habits and regular practice of maths skills. Little and often is the key!
- Encourage the children to watch and interact with the videos we post online, via Facebook and through our school website and to comment on the class blogs in Purplemash. This is intended to help support the children's wellbeing by connecting to each other and staff so that they feel less isolated.

Some children may not be able to access learning online. For these children, we can provide additional home learning packs and materials. Please contact the school office (office@midsomernortonprimary.co.uk) if required or if there are any other difficulties regarding home learning.

Now that the Easter break is over, staff are telephoning parents and carers to provide support, advice and encouragement to them and their children but please do not wait for a phone call to contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties.

We are aware that there is a wealth of fantastic ideas out there on social media and the internet but it is also easy to feel overloaded with information and to feel expectations are overwhelming. Sent along with this letter is a list of online resources which we think are particularly useful. I have also included a summary of the work that is being set each week.

Best wishes to all,
Alun Randell
Head Teacher

