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Home Learning for our children at Clutton School after Easter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the positive manner in which you have engaged with home learning over the past 10 days. We really do understand that this is not always easy and we appreciate the feedback you have given us. We have been working together as a staff team (albeit over Google Hangouts and emails!) to make things even easier after Easter.

Website

We are continually updating our website with useful ideas, activities and website links to help your child engage with their learning at home. Please continue to check it regularly. Those of you with a Facebook account can join the Clutton PTFA page where Sophie Piddock (Chair) is doing a great job of sharing learning ideas and photos.

Class Pages

Over the last fortnight, teachers have been busy getting to grips with technology and each class now has their very own google sites class page. Those of you who have children in Cherry Class will know how successful this has been as a way of communicating and sharing learning. We have therefore taken this forward and applied this way of learning to all classes in the school. The website address for each class will be emailed out to you along with the learning timetable.

Our teachers are now confident in making short videos which can explain and teach new concepts. These will all be uploaded onto the relevant class page and it will clearly state on the timetable when you need to watch them. We want to help children to stay motivated and engaged, and hope that seeing teachers and hearing their voices showing them how to complete their learning will help in this. Videos will include daily storytime and phonics lessons for our younger children. Miss Swann (our PGCE student) in Oak Class will even be providing french lessons for our KS2 pupils!

Fortnightly Timetables

We have had lots of positive feedback about the timetable, how it's easy to use and helps your child(ren) keep some structure to their day. We will continue to email these to you on a fortnightly basis and these will also be displayed on the class pages and website.



So that as a school we can evaluate learning, adapt learning and provide support as required, we will be asking that you tick or highlight the activities that your child has managed to achieve and then either take a photo or download it and email back to the class teacher. This document will be shared with you when new work is set after the Easter holidays. We would also welcome any extra comments informing us of other fun/life skills based activities you have completed and indicate whether you require some extra support. A list of ideas will soon be available on our website.

Please do keep sending us your photos. We love to see them and these will be shared on the class pages.

Thank you again for everything you are doing at home to support your children, not just in their learning but also helping them to stay mentally well too. Being a parent, a teacher and working from home all at the same time is challenging and at times will feel impossible. We know you are all doing your best and we know that some days will be more successful than others. We expect every child to access at least some of their learning every day and to be having a go - every child is entitled to their education so please help your child to understand that we expect the same effort from them whilst working from home as we would do in the classroom. Staff will continue to communicate through feedback on Purplemash (where applicable) and by email. We also know and understand that some days the learning your child tackles will be different: how to be kind, how to work in a team, how to lose at a game without sulking, how to use the washing machine or how to fix a lego model. That's ok! We're in this together so please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher for ideas, advice or support. If it's a tough day please prioritise the reading and maths.

Have a restful and safe Easter! There will be no work set over the Easter period so please relax!

The Clutton School Team

