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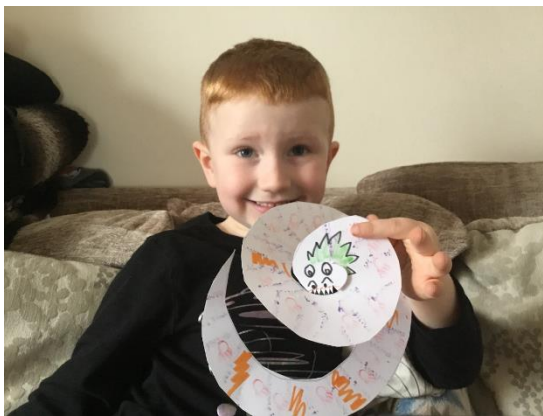
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a term that ended up being very different to the one we were expecting! Back in January, with just 24 hours notice, everything changed for our children, their families and our staff. It has been an incredibly challenging time but I am in awe of how everyone has worked as a team to support our children so well. I think a break from learning and a big pat on the back to all is in order! The three pictures of children in Reception holding up their Chinese dragons sums up for me how families and staff have worked hard to keep learning engaging and fun. Just look at those proud smiles!



Of course, we are still living with restrictions and keeping children busy and entertained is not always easy! The internet has many suggestions for half term activities during a lockdown. Below you will find a few links for activities and at the end of my letter, I have included links to various home learning resources just in case your child asks for more!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55591821>

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2021/feb/11/family-lockdown-activities-for-half-term-chosen-by-readers>

<https://www.kidly.co.uk/ideas/fab-lockdown-half-term-ideas-for-kids/3492>

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/coronavirus-information-advice/keeping-kids-entertained-during-lockdown>

Please do also encourage your child to continue reading as often as they can, of course!

We await the government's announcement on 22nd February as to when schools will re-open for all children. In the meantime, learning either in the form of remote learning or in school for our children of key workers and vulnerable children, continues on Monday 22nd February. Please note there is no INSET day.

We hope our children and families manage to rest and re-charge batteries next week and look forward to seeing all of our children in person sometime in the not too distant future.

Best wishes,

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



These are our top recommendations to support you with home learning.

Website Address	Subject	Age Group	Information
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons	All	Y 1 - 6	The BBC's amazing resources for learning from home.
https://www.thenational.academy/	All	Y 1 - 6	The Oak National Academy – over 10,000 free video lessons.
https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-site/find-a-book/library-page?view=image&series=Read+Write+Inc.	Phonics and reading	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Class login details needed. Wide range of 'Read, Write, Inc' books.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ	Phonics	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Daily phonics lessons which follow the school's scheme. Your class teacher will advise which lessons your child should watch.
https://readon.myon.co.uk/library/browse.html	Reading	All	Wide range of books for online reading. No login needed
http://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html www.phonicsplay.co.uk	Phonics games	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Username: march20 Password: home
www.nessy.com	Spelling games	Year 2,3 and 4	Children have individual logins.
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games	Maths	All	Free online maths games
https://ttrockstars.com/	Times Tables	Y 1 - 6	Children have individual logins.
http://www.twinkl.co.uk	Everything	All	Free printable resources for home learning.
https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html	English and creativity	All	Free videos to inspire writing and talking
https://www.doodlemaths.com/	Maths games	Y 1 - 6	Children have individual logins.
http://stories.audible.com/discovery	Reading	All	Free audio books
https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/	Maths	All	Free maths lessons
https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning	Science	All	Ideas for science activities.