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HOME LEARNING UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are all well and have enjoyed the weekend. As we enter into another week of home learning, we would just like to give you a number of updates for this week. As usual, we have turned on another week of home learning activities on our class webpages. These pages will provide you with a range of resources and activities for the children this week.

In addition to this, we have a number of new additions to our home learning for this week;

- The Department for Education (DfE) is now producing daily Phonics sessions aimed at Reception and Year 1; they are also suitable for Year 2 children and any other children struggling with their Phonics. In school, the children in Reception/Key Stage 1 would have a daily Phonics session every morning. We recommend that all children in these classes continue to do this as part of their home learning and advise parents/carers to try to include this as part of your child's daily routine. In school, we would normally do Phonics immediately after registration in the morning; you may wish to continue with this routine, or slot it in elsewhere. Links to these can be found in the 'Resources for All' → 'Phonics Activities & Games' section on the website.
- Children in Year 2 to 6 (all year groups for which it is suitable) have now all been sent their individual login details for how to access our new online Reading tool, Reading Plus, via School PING. If you have not already done so, it is important that you check School PING and make sure that you can access the site – a link can be found on the main school website in the header menu. Moving forward, this will form key elements of learning from home activities in reading. If you have an issue with your login, please email the office as soon as possible – thank you. Further details about Reading Plus can be found in the letter that was sent out with the passwords; this letter can also be found on the school website.
- BBC Bitesize has produced further lessons for each year group; links to these can be found on class webpages, along with a timetable which shows the different topics that will be covered each day.
- The DfE have also launched Oak National Academy, an online school which provides lessons for pupils in different year groups from EYFS to Year 10. You may find these useful to support the children's learning at home. The link to this can be found on the school website header. You may find that some of the topics covered in different areas may not link to the curriculum in your child's year group; this is due to schools being able to organise their foundation subjects to suit the needs of their particular school.

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- Last week, in our end of week newsletter, we set a challenge for all children to complete by **Wednesday 6th May**. We asked that children log into Purple Mash and complete the 2Do activity → create a self-portrait in 2Paint where their arms reach the edges of the page, like they are holding hands with the person on each side. If possible we would like all images to be done on Purple Mash, however if you have issues with IT, you could send a photograph of a hand drawn image to the school email (must not be bigger than A4 and should contain your child's name in the bottom left corner).
- Also in last week's newsletter, we set another challenge linked to VE Day; to mark VE Day on **Friday 8th May**, we would have been having a number of school/community celebrations, so we have asked you to send us in your videos/photographs of the children/family waving flags and celebrating instead. These can be emailed to winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk. We will also be adding some activities/video links to the Special Events section linked to VE Day later this week ready for Friday, so keep checking the website.

PLEASE SEE LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHALLENGES – this can be found on School PING and on the school website.

In addition to the above, we have also added the following sections to our home learning area on the school website;

- Story Time: Each week we will be sharing stories that the children can listen to, and you never know, some familiar faces may appear over the next couple of weeks here too!
- Special Events: Here will we add details/resources linked to any special events, for example VE Day and Poetry Week (coming soon!).
- Resources for All: Writing – a selection of different tools to support children with their independent writing while they are at home (this will continue to grow over the coming weeks).
- Resources for All: Mr Perrin's Lunchtime Mix – new challenges/activities will appear here each week – can you complete the weekly challenges?
- Resources for All: Reading – coming soon!

As children have been working from home for a number of weeks now, we know that some children may start to need an additional exercise book to record their home learning if lockdown continues for a longer period of time. At present, we are awaiting further guidance from the Government about when schools will reopen, but they have been very clear that this will only happen when it is safe to do so. As a school, the safety of our children, staff and

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families is paramount. When a decision is eventually made for schools to reopen, be that phased or otherwise, School Leaders will communicate all measures that we will be taking to ensure the safety of our whole school community. Should home learning be extended for a longer period of time, school will continue to provide online learning for all pupils and we will also ensure that additional resources, like exercise books, are available to enable this to happen. However, until the Government states otherwise, school will remain closed until further notice.

Key Reminders

We understand that these are challenging times and we know that a lot of our parents are working from home or have other challenges, which means that trying to support your child's learning (and for some of you, more than one child's learning) isn't an easy task. There is no expectation of parents to take on the role of our teachers and teaching assistants during this time. We have provided you with a range of resources for children to access to support their learning, along with links to useful websites and online tools (e.g. Purple Mash, SumDog, TTRockstars, Evidence Me), but we DO NOT expect that children will complete all of these activities; nor do we expect that children will complete every activity that has been shared with class teachers on their class pages. Instead, we want to provide you with a wide selection of different activities and resources so that you have enough range and that there will be enough choice to cater for all children's needs. Please DO NOT put pressure on yourselves to try and replicate what we do in the classrooms, as we know that this is an impossible task.

As a school, what is most important for us, is that our children are safe and happy during this time so that we are all able to return once it is safe to do so. To help you do this, we recommend that you keep the children in some form of daily routine;

- getting up at their usual times and getting dressed and ready for the day, like they would normally do
- having meals at their usual times, with snack breaks during the day
- going to bed at their usual time, with the same bedtime routines

In terms of learning time, we understand that all families, and children, are different and so recommend that you find a system that works best for your family. Depending on the age of your child, we advise no more than 3 hours of learning per day. Older children should be encouraged to work more independently, wherever possible.

If you are struggling to access home learning due to lack of internet access or only have limited access to online learning because you only have a mobile phone, please email the school on winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk, or leave an answer phone message by calling the school office so that we can support you with this.

Although we can't be together in person, school are still here if you need us for help and support. The best (and quickest) way to get in contact with us is to email us at winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk and you can also leave us an answer phone message by calling the school office; although please note that our office is not currently manned so messages are not checked as regularly as they would be during a normal working day.

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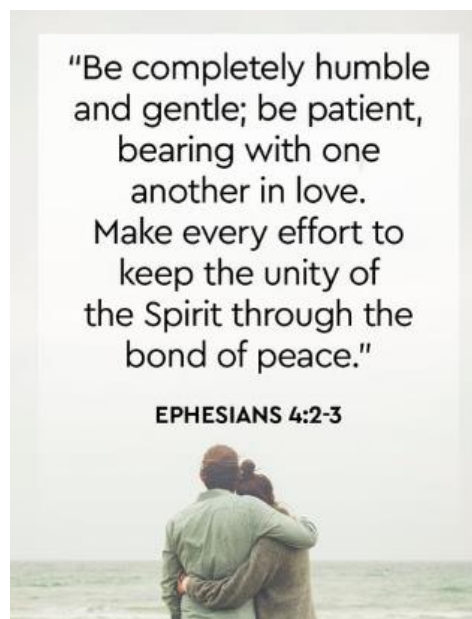
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Once again, can we take this opportunity to share with you our gratitude for the amazing things that you have all been doing at home; we know it is not an easy task but have been so impressed with how our families are adapting to their 'new normal', especially in these difficult times. Please continue to send us your photographs/videos and share what the children have been doing at home, be that with their work or otherwise.

As a team of staff we have been overwhelmed by your kind words, photos, videos and comments over the past few weeks. We feel extremely lucky to be a part of such a wonderful community. We miss each and every one of you and look forward to when we can all be safely back together again in the future.

Thank you for your continued support, with the warmest of wishes,

The Winwick Team



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