

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## **Remote Learning, Spring 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Ministers announcement, last night, of a national lockdown and talk from ministers this morning we expect school to be closed for a prolonged period. The Maple Cross community was incredible during the last national lockdown and I know we can do it again. Everyone at school is standing alongside families (remotely!) to do everything we can to support learning, mental health and well-being and whatever else our community needs. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with any questions, queries or concerns you have.

In addition to our comprehensive remote learning we will be delivering via Google Classroom we have other resources to support families. We know device allocation is a real issue for many families. We are still awaiting our DfE device delivery and are also exploring other options for devices.

### **Reading Books**

It is vital that children continue to read. We will create a covid safe library for banded books to be borrowed. Please visit school between 11.30 and 12.30 on a Tuesday and/or Friday. There will be a box to deposit books which will then be stored for 72 hours and a member of staff will collect a new appropriate banded book for you to take home.

Please queue up along the yellow spots, wait by the main entrance and ensure a 2m social distance at all time. Adults must wear masks in the school grounds.

### **Key Stage 2 Guided Reading**

Teachers will be releasing a daily guided video and learning focussed around a text. There is no expectation to purchase the text but your child may find it much easier to have a copy. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, school will purchase a copy for you.

Year 3 – The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Year 4 – Christopher’s Story by Nicki Cornwell

Year 5 – I was a Rat by Philip Pullman

Year 6 – Holes by Louis Sacar

Please do not show them the text at first, the class teacher will be asking the children to be detectives as they release clues.

### **Alternative Options to online learning**

Some parents have asked for recommended paper resources/workbooks that would support learning at home. Wherever possible please ensure your child follows our remote timetable and accesses the Google Classroom. Where that is not possible the following resources may be useful;

**Denham Way, Maple Cross, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 9SS**

**Phone: 01923 770909**

**Email: [admin@maplecross.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@maplecross.herts.sch.uk)**

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### **Key Stage 1 and 2**

The CGP range of books are available for all year groups in Key Stage 1 and 2.

- \*Maths targeted study and workbook
- \*English targeted study and workbook are good quality
- \*Grammar Punctuation and Spelling book

### **Reception and KS1**

To support the daily phonics sessions, you may want to purchase a copy of the Read Write Inc Flashcards

- \*Read Write Inc. Home: Phonics Flashcards
- \*Read Write Inc. Phonics: Home More Phonics Flashcards Cards (Yr1 and Yr2)

The BBC Bitesize continues to be a fantastic website to supplement learning and lots of families found the Oak Academy useful last time.

Please be gentle to yourselves and do not put pressure upon yourself or your family. Everyone is juggling so much and we can all just do our best. Our best is good enough. The school community is here for you and please do not hesitate if you need support with anything. We will keep you updated with all information and as soon as we can welcome children back our doors will be wide open.

Take care and I hope to see you all virtually and at the book library slots.

Hannah Trickett

Head Teacher