



## **SOUTHWOOD COUNTY INFANT SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents,

### **Home Learning**

With the Government announcement yesterday we are sad to report our wonderful school will be closed to most pupils until the February half term. The staff and team remain committed to supporting all our children and families as ever. I know that many of you may feel worried about your 'abilities' as a teacher but that is where we come in! We promise to do all that we can to make home learning as effective and as fun as possible.

The teaching staff are fully prepared for the move to remote learning and we will be continuing to use Tapestry. Now is the time to talk to us if you have any concerns about your child accessing online resources.

Please note that expectations for completing home learning has changed from last year. We will be setting work remotely in a number of subjects, provide frequent explanations through high quality resources and videos and ensuring that we regularly check pupil's progress.

There will be four learning activities a day for each year group which will be uploaded on to Tapestry by 9am each morning. The children will be following our spring curriculum as planned and teachers will be delivering the same lessons in school to our critical and vulnerable children.

Each Monday morning we will post an overview of the week's learning for each year group so you can see the learning journey and plan your week. Your Tapestry posts will be regularly checked by a member of the year group team. We expect all children to access and engage in the learning. We appreciate all families' circumstances are different so we understand learning activities may be completed at a time that suits your individual circumstances.

We will also be hosting other live events such as story time and P.E sessions and details of these events will follow.

**Excellence- Respect- Enjoyment**

Administrative Officer: Mrs. Alison Padday

If you need any help or resources please contact the school. If you wish to collect a blank exercise book for your child to use, a limited amount of books will be placed in a box outside by the recycle bin. Please help yourselves. If you have your old book or can use something at home that will be fine.

### **Keeping in Touch**

Over the next two weeks will be arranging a Google meet meeting with small groups of children from the class. The children will virtually meet with the teacher as a keeping in touch session and share any lovely news or work.

If you have any questions please contact your child's year group leader.

Year R Miss Park

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### **Reading Links**

Oxford Owl has produced a range of eBooks that are sorted into the same coloured book bands the children read in school. You will need to sign up for a free account and then the children will have access to a wide range of reading material at home.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

[www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/cbeebies-storytime-app](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/cbeebies-storytime-app)

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)

With my very best wishes and thinking very much of you all.

*Wendy Southgate*

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