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Remote Learning

I hope that the daily communication from teachers is still helping you to support your child at home with their learning. Thank you to all the parents and children who continue to send work to the teachers. We have now had responses from more than 80% of our children who are working at home. If you cannot access the work online, please ring the office and we will arrange for work to be posted out to you. You can find out more about our remote learning provision on the school's website. You will find this information under the "Curriculum" section.

National Assessments

Last week, it was announced that all national assessments, including SATs and phonic screening tests, are to be cancelled this year. This announcement will not change what we had planned for the children to learn this year. In Year 6, Mr Jackson will continue to help our Year 6 children to have the knowledge and skills that they need to start secondary education in September. In Year 1, Miss Lancaster will continue to stress the importance of reading through her daily phonics lessons. The ability to read well supports so many areas of the school's curriculum.

Curriculum

Last week, the children found out which topic they will be learning about in school or at home this term. Each class has a theme linked to the geography curriculum. I have already been impressed by how much the children enjoy learning about a different part of the world. You will find the new curriculum plans under the "Curriculum" section of the school website.

Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in January:

- Year 1 - typhoon
- Year 2 - magnificent
- Year 3 - relinquish
- Year 4 - indignant
- Year 5 - inexplicable
- Year 6 – conscientious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Special Mentions

Finally, well done to all the children who received certificates and positive leaves in our first online achievements assembly of the term. The class teachers will continue to hold these assemblies online each week to celebrate the children's work.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher



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