

Home Learning Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

Seesaw and Home Learning

The **full launch** of our Seesaw Home Learning will be on Monday. Your children will have set activities to complete each day. For many of the children they've had a week of sunshine and fun but please remember we **could** be months out of school, not just days and weeks. They will be increasingly frustrated at having to stay in and the activities we set will enable them to have structure to their days as well as maintaining their education.

Your children's teachers have been working hard to devise a varied programme and have learned so many new skills they have left me far behind. However, not all the activities will work perfectly - this technology is as new to us as it is to yourselves. Where things don't work, please get in contact as it may well be something we can change or improve for next time.

We would also suggest setting up a timetable so they know what they must do when - one with fun bits between each activity! It's not school, they will need a break and downtime and we are not yet sure how long each piece of work will take.

Tapestry – Foundation 1/Nursery

Parents of children in Foundation 1 (Nursery) have activity support through the Tapestry App. Mrs Morson and her team have been coming up with lots of activities and ideas to help your children through the coming weeks. I also understand she's read a story or two to the children via video as well, something I may have to try!

Reading

Reading is the window on the world. Your children can only access the rest of their learning if they learn to read with fluency and comprehension. It is vital we help you maintain their progress as best we can.

For **Foundation 2** we are negotiating with HarperCollins Publishers to get the **Big Cat Phonics Books** available online. They are, we believe, listening to us and the word is it may happen very soon. If it doesn't then we will send out log-ins for CollinsConnect but we are very hopeful we won't need to do this. Your children are at the very beginning of reading and have already had one change of Reading Scheme – we really don't want to change again.

Y1, Y2/3 and Y3/4 have access to CollinsConnect. Your teachers will have let you know if this is appropriate for your children **AND** have asked you to reply to Class Announcements asking for your child's Book Band (you will choose eBooks to read from this colour band). Please set this up - the eBooks are of good quality and with the sound off are a great way of maintaining and developing reading skills. If Big Cat Phonics does become available we will inform Y1 parents as well.

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For **Y4 to Y6** there is Oxford Owl - a set of free eBooks that your teachers will direct you to if there is a work focus but you can also join through a parent log in at:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Remember, we are here for you and your children. We are still getting used to the system, we are hoping to respond to work as much as we can **BUT** until we start we don't know how well it will all work.

Welcome to the Pilsley Teaching Team - good luck.

Take care of yourselves.

Yours sincerely



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