



4 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, even though it has been a bit different this year. Hopefully you all managed to see the Nativity and are as proud of the children as we are. They were amazing!

For the next few weeks, most Reception children will be learning remotely via Google Classroom. The technology is new to us all, so we will be learning and improving as we go along. The idea is, this will be the platform to access learning activities and resources.

Each day there will be a timetable with links to any additional resources. There will be times when children will meet remotely with their teachers during the day and times when there are suggested activities for them to explore. We hope all of our parents will engage with us to help their children progress and prevent them from falling behind and losing skills they have learned.

We understand how difficult it is to balance home learning with other commitments and have tried to make home learning as straight forward as we can while providing pupils with the basics they need. So much learning in Early Years is through exploration, social interaction and talk which makes remote learning challenging. Our aim is to ensure we focus on the basic skills of phonics, writing, maths, speaking and listening while providing suggestions to develop other areas within the restrictions of a Tier 4 area. We would value any feedback you have so we can improve and make this as supportive as we can for you and your children.

We will have our first session tomorrow morning, following the timetable below. Children should login at the specified times and complete their learning activities. The day will be outlined during the morning meeting and reviewed during chat time. It will be lovely to see the children again!

9.15 am	Blue Team Registration morning meeting (Miss Kriketou's morning children)
9.30 am	Red Team Registration morning meeting (Ms York's morning children)
Phonics	All children to log on and complete their group's phonics learning via the links (You will be sent an email letting you know which phonics & maths group)
10.30	Maths Group 1
10.45	Maths Group 2
11.15	Miss Kriketou's phonics group chat
11.30	Mrs Griffin's phonics group chat
11.45	Miss Sharp's phonics group chat
12.00	Mrs Kalampaliki's phonics group chat
PM	Weekly story, wiggle and suggested activities

Please do your best to help your child complete the phonics activities, including spelling each day. Please do what you can to help them join the maths group and phonics group chats. Their learning will be developed with the story and suggested activities but the phonics, chat and maths are vital. We will be providing more information as the week goes on and adjusting and improving through feedback. We hope to provide some targeted sessions in the afternoons next week and will let you know about these in due course.

Please stay safe and if you have any questions or need any help, please do get in touch with us via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Headteacher and EYFS Phase Leader**