

Dear Parents/Carers,

15th January 2021

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning at home during these challenging times. Here is some guidance to explain what we would like to see and hopefully help you to support your child:

- ❖ All learning will be on Class Dojo, if you are having difficulty accessing Class Dojo, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- ❖ Class teachers will post a week of learning activities on Monday morning. Further links or messages will be posted daily on Dojo 'Class Story' or Dojo 'Messages' for you to access.
- ❖ Class teachers will be teaching in school but if you wish to send a message to the teacher via Class Dojo, they will be available from 9.30am until 3.00pm and they will respond to the messages as soon as possible.
- ❖ Teachers will feedback daily and they may suggest tips for your child to improve their work, as they would in school.
- ❖ To help teachers read your child's work on screen please only photograph one piece of work at a time and send it to your teacher via 'Messages'.
- ❖ Teachers will share some examples of good work from both home and school on 'Class Story'.
- ❖ We will be constantly reviewing home learning and teachers welcome your feedback.

We hope that you have been enjoying the home learning that has been sent out so far. All the children in EYFS have very different needs, depending on their stage of development – your child may be able to do more than we have suggested and it is great if you find ways to challenge them further. Please remember that quality learning for EYFS children will also include sharing stories, books and rhymes; playing turn-taking games; mark-making, drawing, colouring, painting; singing nursery rhymes; joining in with daily routines e.g. writing a shopping list, baking a cake, going on a nature walk, counting out knives and forks, sorting and matching tins/packets etc.

How to help your child when writing

The children in Reception are all at very different stages of linking letter sounds to writing, but we expect all the children to 'have a go'. When writing a word say it slowly together and ask what the first sound is and encourage them to write it. Continue with more sounds in the word if they can, but it is fine to finish writing the word for them. Praise whatever effort they make – don't expect perfection!

We look forward to seeing you back in school when it is safe to do so.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Evans – Assistant Head Teacher - EYFS

