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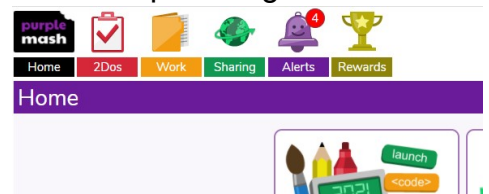
Dear children and families,

We hope that you are well and have enjoyed the Christmas break.

When we said goodbye on the last day before Christmas, we did not expect not to be seeing you in person today. Even yesterday, teachers were busy preparing classroom resources for the days and weeks ahead. Now, teaching teams are already working hard to quickly adapt plans and provide online learning that will match what we would have been doing in school as closely as possible.

As was the case last year, PurpleMash will continue to be our main tool for providing home learning activities. Information such as timetables will also be posted on the school website. Each year group within KS1 will have a weekly home learning blog in PurpleMash, with daily posts providing home learning activities.

Once you have logged in to PurpleMash, you can access the blogs via the green 'Sharing' icon.



Teachers will monitor the blog and respond to any queries as quickly as possible, although please be aware that staff will be in school with key worker children, so there may be a delay in responding. For people who don't have the facility to print at home, packs of worksheets will also be made available for collection from the school office.

Remember that you can find your login details for PurpleMash and SpellingShed/MathsShed in your reading record.

We will aim to make the activities as interactive and enjoyable as we can. Teachers will be able to provide feedback and rewards for some tasks via PurpleMash. We completely understand that home learning is not easy for children or their grown-ups! Please do what you can and don't worry if you have IT problems or you miss a task.

Since the Prime Minister's announcement, we have already started to adapt our planning for this week to an online format. Due to the timescales, some activities may not be as interactive as we would like, but please bear with us as we make the transition to online learning over the coming days.

We hope that, despite the difficult circumstances, the children will enjoy their learning over the coming weeks. The topic themes will be Fire and Ice for Year 1 and China for Year 2.

Please remember that queries about home learning can be sent via the PurpleMash blog, or if of a more personal nature, please don't hesitate to e-mail the school office, who will pass your message on to the teacher.

We hope that you and your family stay well and enjoy the next part of your learning journey.

Best wishes from Mrs Masterton and the KS1 team