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Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you are well and have had a relaxing Christmas break.

We are writing to update you on our plans for remote learning this half term. The school staff are busy getting your home learning packs ready for you to collect from the school office. Class teachers have also been setting up your blogs ready to start online learning tomorrow. Home learning will closely match what we would have been doing in school and will be in a similar format to last year.

As was the case last year, PurpleMash will continue to be our main tool for providing home learning activities. Information such as timetables and topic maps will also be posted on the school website. Each year group within KS2 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. Your child may also see that they have some 2dos to complete. They should check the blog first to see what they need to do for each task.

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 those who don't have the facility to print at home, printed home learning packs are available to collect. Children in Year 6 may also wish to collect a copy of their class text for this term.

Remember that you can find your login details for PurpleMash, SpellingShed/MathsShed and TTR in your child's reading record. If your child is unable to find these then please contact the school office.

We will aim to make the activities as enjoyable as we can and welcome any feedback. Teachers will be able to provide some feedback and rewards for some tasks via PurpleMash. Children are also able to upload work from their own computers such as word documents or images. We completely understand that home learning is not easy for children or parents. Please do what you can and we will try to support you as much as possible.

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. For more information on topics please visit our website. Online copies of the packs will also be available here.

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. We will be making phone calls to those not attending school over the half term.

We hope that you and your family stay well and we hope to welcome you back soon.

Best wishes from Miss Bygraves and the KS2 team