



## **SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

### **April 2020**

I hope that you managed to find some spells of rest and relaxation over the Easter period and enjoyed the periods of glorious weather. It seems very strange to welcome you back to the Summer term whilst schools are still partially closed, and I am very grateful to our staff who continued to provide care for the children of key workers and vulnerable children during their usual holiday period.

Many of you will have given your children a well-earned Easter break from learning; after all, the children would not be doing school work every day in a normal school holiday. Please be assured that we do not expect you to try and replicate the length of the school day; children's concentration in 1:1 or small group situations is exhausted more quickly than in whole class activities. However you have organised your day and whatever resources you chose to use, we appreciate that you are doing a great job in adapting life to best fit the needs of your own children, work and family life. You might be surprised to know that our staff also find juggling home schooling and other commitments a real struggle within their own families, despite their expertise, I certainly do!

We are now starting week three of home learning and there are resources currently on our website for each year group which give suggestions up until week seven and we will adapt these as and when there is Government advice about reopening. Today the BBC has started daily lessons in Maths, English and Science which can be found at BBC Bitesize Learning on their website and Mrs Coe has shared a link to P.E. resources in the Sports Newsletter. Although we will continue to develop and signpost resources that we think that you might find helpful, we would urge you to listen to children read and practice number bonds and tables on a daily basis; the decision on how much home learning you do is entirely yours.

And finally, please enjoy the good weather and get outside for exercise whenever you can and I hope that you all stay well and we look forward to seeing you back in school in the near future.

Kind regards

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