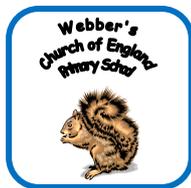


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Dear Children,

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a great Christmas holiday and that Father Christmas brought you some lovely presents.

I am sorry that we are in a Lockdown situation once more, but I hope that we can get back to some normality soon.

Whilst some of your friends will keep coming into school at this time, most children in both our schools will be working from home - just like the grown-ups.

Your teachers are setting home learning, which will be available on the school website for you to complete under the "Children" section - Home Learning. Teachers will be checking the online activities like TT Rockstars and Spelling Frame to ensure you are engaged with your learning.

For some of your home learning, you will need to follow website links from your weekly timetable. This will often lead you to a video that you will really need to watch carefully. There is sometimes an activity to complete. This could be something to make, write or draw.

We have sent you pens and pencils for your writing and drawing, a lined book for your writing and a squared book for your maths. Remember to use one digit per square. The plain book is for art and anything else you might like to use it for!

We have included "help" sheets in your pack; these include number squares and times table squares. Remember to use your full stops, capital letters and all of the lovely punctuation, spelling and grammar you have learnt already. You know we also want you to use exciting words (vocabulary) too! Please remember to keep your work neat - just like you do at school.

Every Friday, we would like your parents to return your work log to us to keep us up to date with how you are getting on. Please can you help your parents to do this by sharing the activities that you complete with them. We have also got a special section at the end for you

to send comments to your teacher as well as your parents. Please do help them fill it in as we do want to hear from you.

We are going to be chatting to you and your parents during Lockdown, so we can keep in touch, but please remember your family can email your school with any news or concerns you may have. We are going to try a live on-line session with your teacher, but we have to do a bit of practising with the computers yet!

I will continue to write the weekly newsletter, which will be emailed to parents as usual, and will be available on the school website. We are going to start a *Children's Section*, so please send me some interesting facts, a quiz to put in or maybe an occasional joke!

In last year's Lockdown, we sent you all a skipping rope to help you with daily exercise. This time, we are sending a foam ball to you all, so I hope you have fun throwing, catching and playing with it.

For Year 6 children, we are also sending home the *CGP* grammar and maths revision guides. Please do use them, in addition to the Home Learning set, as they are an excellent guide to age-appropriate expectations.

You worked really hard last term and we want you to carry on improving, so please try your best every day to do your schoolwork.

Sending my best wishes to you all.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Eveleigh
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