

Dear parents,

As we prepare ourselves for another period of online learning, I would like to remind you of what we have in place for the pupils and how they can access it. The pupils in Squirrels class have had a fantastic year so far, demonstrating hard-working and mature attitudes both in the classroom and also during our previous periods of online learning. I am really proud of how well they have coped with all of the change and uncertainty at the moment. Well done and thank you to everyone at home as well for supporting them!

I appreciate that every household is in a different situation, where parents may still be going to work, or working from home, and that not every child has unlimited access to their own device. I will try to make the online learning as manageable as possible for you, whilst still giving the pupils a range of work from across the curriculum.

I will be adding tasks to Google Classroom every morning at 9am. These can be accessed at any time throughout the day, whenever is most convenient for your child to log on. We will continue to use Google Meet for video calls as we did in December. The children who participated really enjoyed this. It is a great way to keep in contact with their classmates and I will also be discussing their work and learning so please encourage your child to participate in these as often as possible.

Reading books are available on your child's Giglets account, and new ones will be added weekly. Each book will also have Reading test questions to complete at the end. I can only see that a child has completed a book when they submit these questions so please remind your child to do this. Some books will also have HOTS questions to encourage the children to think more deeply about the text.

As the learning resources are all online, they can be accessed from any device including computers, tablets, phones and games consoles. It will not always be necessary to complete all tasks on a device, and you may want to encourage your child to complete some on paper. This may be helpful if another member of the family needs to use the computer, as your child can read instructions or watch videos on a phone and then complete the work offline. They can then take a picture of their work and attach this as a file to hand it in on Google Classroom.

If you have any questions or need any additional support please contact me by email and I will be happy to assist. Miss Derrick and I will also be phoning regularly to check in with how the pupils are getting on.

Thank you again for your support so far this year. I look forward to starting the new term with the pupils on Google Classroom tomorrow.

Take care and stay safe

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