

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Dear Parents /Carers,

We hope that you are all keeping well during these uncertain times. The Reception Team are missing all the children and we are working very hard preparing home learning tasks, monitoring **Tapestry** and commenting on the wonderful observations.

We would like to remind you that we have sent home the **Home Learning Pack** with 6 attachments and activity ideas. Please note that some of these have several activities included. Along with this each year group prepared a **Home Learning Grid** and we have provided one for Reception; this includes suggestions for how long each activity should last. We are strong believers of 'little and often' and do not expect children to be sitting down working for extended periods of time as they are very young. There are many creative and active ways to learn, suggestions of which are included in you pack and the grid. Activities can be repeated, especially maths and phonics tasks and games, in order for the learning to become truly embedded.

We are so impressed with how many of you have added observations to **Tapestry** with your Home Learning activities. Please note that we are happy for you to include activities suggested or any that you have thought of and completed.

We would like to remind you to title your observations/**Tapestry** entries with '**Home Learning**' so that we will be able to view them more quickly, although this is not essential. Also, as mentioned in our Parent Mail last week, if you have any questions or queries about the work/tasks/activities set, please feel free to ask for help through **Tapestry**. Simply title your **Tapestry** question/query with '**Teacher Question**' and then we will be able to easily see this and send you a reply when we next log in.

We have also used **Tapestry** to set challenges this week; the rainbow challenge and PE with Joe Wicks. We are so proud of all your beautiful rainbows! Please log in to view these challenges and ideas if you have not done so. We plan to add a task or challenge to **Tapestry** two times a week.

We have lots more Home Learning ideas coming soon; we are aware that you have plenty to be doing with your children for now.

We hope that you are keeping well and are enjoying spending quality family time together at this difficult and unprecedented time.

We would like to thank you all for your positivity and cooperation at this challenging time; the comments and kindness have been overwhelming.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Reception Team