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Dear Parents and Carers of Owls,

We would firstly like to wish you all a very happy, albeit different and challenging New Year. Hopefully you were able to enjoy the Christmas break and all are well and safe. Since returning to school, we have all been working hard to put measures in place for the needs of key worker children in school as well as planning the provision for remote learning.

Last half term, we spent some time checking and using log-in details for Google Classrooms and Purple Mash so the children will be familiar with this, but will still need some guidance from you until they become more confident accessing these mediums in their home settings. We are now going to need both of these platforms for all our online learning, so it would be greatly appreciated if you could check that everyone can get on to them both from where you are and with the devices you currently have. You should now have received your child's log-in details but if you have any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Each day you will find a Maths, English and usually a Topic/Science/Other learning activity for your child to complete. Alongside these activities, it is expected that your child completes their daily reading and practises their weekly spellings. It is really important therefore, that you and your child are checking on these two sites daily, and completing the work that is set for that day. One lined and one squared exercise book would be an excellent purchase at this time for all this to be kept together.

To help with their daily reading, please find below a link to 'Oxford Owl' online e-books where your child can select a reading book linked to their current reading stage if they are not free readers.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Next week we hope to introduce 'Google Meet' sessions where we can meet face to face, and share future class learning and discuss any extra support required.

If your child is attending school in the KS2 keyworker class, then it is not expected that they complete the online activities for that day. The activities will be such that if they are not attending school full time, they can access them for the days they are home learning.

We fully appreciate that this will be a huge learning curve for many of you – as it is for us – but would like to emphasise how much we appreciate your continued support and understanding. There will, no doubt be teething problems, but if we work together, we will overcome these so the children can access meaningful, productive and enjoyable learning in these difficult times.

As said previously, please do not hesitate to email if you have any queries, regarding the above but also be aware that we are teaching as part of a rota for the KS2 bubble in school, so may not respond to queries or problems until later that day once school is finished.

We hope all the children can access and enjoy learning at home and we look forward to our first Google Meet!

Kind regards,

Ms Wallis and Mrs Lockwood

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