



Wisdom Begins in Wonder! Socrates

6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

Firstly, it was really good to see everyone again this morning at the Bubble 1 Zoom. Apologies for the issues we had at the start, particularly to those parents who tried to get on without success. We appreciate your support and patience as we navigate our way through this minefield that is remote learning!

We are keenly aware of the difficulties faced by all our parents trying to help their children learn at home whilst juggling a myriad of other commitments, be that babies, toddlers, work, illness; a whole range of issues that affect each situation differently.

Teaching mixed aged classes in the three-to-seven year old group requires a different approach to teaching older children. As you know many are unable to maintain concentration for prolonged periods, are still learning to read and write, and require lots of support, practical resources and hands-on experiences for meaningful learning to take place; all of which is not easy to recreate in a remote environment such as Zoom.

Additionally, very few children of this age group are computer literate or can work independently on tasks. Bearing all this in mind, the Weekly Learning Grids will signpost you to various activities, for the different age groups, to help you support your child as they learn at home; be that using more structured daily programmes such as the White Rose Maths sessions and videos, a series of lessons from the Oak National Academy or phonics sessions. We will also include one off tasks and activities in other areas of the curriculum.

From next week (w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January) we will hold two class Zooms each week to enable us to interact with the children and provide some further maths or literacy input. Pencil and paper or whiteboard and pens and other practical resources given out in the resource packs will be required for this.

We shall continue with the joint Bubble 1 story time Zoom on a Wednesday morning and of course the children can get together at the whole school Zoom assembly on Thursday afternoons.

**Here are the details of our new Zoom timetable.**

Tuesday - **Class 1** Zoom 9.30am 883 8655 459 Password: rainbow

Tuesday – **Class 2** Zoom 10.15am 251 023 1524 Password: unicorn

Wednesday – **Bubble 1** story time Zoom 10am 883 8655 459 Password: rainbow

Thursday - **Class 1** Zoom 9.30am 883 8655 459 Password: rainbow

Thursday - **Class 2** Zoom 10.15am 251 0231 524 Password: unicorn

Thursday afternoons - 2.30pm **whole school assembly** 891 0494 4248 Password: st@r\$

As you will appreciate we are doing all we can to make sure your children's education can continue in these difficult circumstances and we look forward to working with you all. As ever, please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Grayson and Mrs Helliwell