



Dear Parents/Carers,

11th January 2021

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable weekend and had lots of fun in the snow! As the new week begins, I thought it might be helpful if I run through what I have put together for this week's remote learning for Class 2.

Everything you need to know can be found on a Weekly Learning Grid which is on the Class 2 section of the school website, (Weekly Learning Grid 11.01.21). This outlines plans for the week and consists of **daily** reading, maths, writing and phonics sessions and two one-off lessons (science and history), as well as other ideas to keep the children busy. All worksheets and Powerpoint presentations etc are now on our Class Google site and the weekly learning grid explains how to find everything.

As has already been stated, remote learning is far from ideal, but it is important to keep the children in a routine and to push them on in their learning. For guidance, when we are in school, we usually begin the day with reading (20 minutes max) and then a phonics lesson (20 mins), before we take a short break to exercise. This is usually followed by a maths lesson (up to 60 mins), then break, and finally an English lesson (up to 60 mins) before lunch. We would do history or science and wider curricula activities like art, PE, RE etc during the afternoons, with some time for free play.

I am very aware that everyone's situation is different and appreciate replicating a school day at home may be exceedingly difficult. Please just do what you can. May I ask that you keep hold of all work that your child completes. If you wish to send over photographs for the school newsletter of your child learning at home, please feel free to do so.

It goes without saying that if you find your child is struggling with anything or you are unsure of what to do, please do get in touch.

I will hold two Class Zooms each week on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10.15am. These will allow me to give the children some maths input, and to help them with reading and writing skills (sentence building, spellings, phonics etc). Please make sure your child attends these Zoom meetings and has paper and pencil to hand.

The link for these meetings is 251 023 1524 password: unicorn. There will be an additional story time Zoom with Class 1 on a Wednesday morning at 10am. The link for this is 883 865 5459 password: rainbow.

I shall make sure I check in with you all in the coming days to see how you are getting on. I am always available via email – jane.helliwell@castlecarrock.cumbria.sch.uk - so please do contact me if you need anything in the meantime.

Stay safe and thank you all for your ongoing support in these trying times.

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