



Dear Parents/Carers,

18th January 2021

I hope that you are keeping safe and well and have had a relaxing weekend.

The weekly learning grid will be on the school website this morning and provides you with links to the Class Google Site where you will find all the resources linked to the planning. I have added some activity work sheets as some children will be able to complete these with support, however they are optional. Please keep hold of any work your child completes.

To find worksheets and lessons mentioned on this grid go to the **school website and find the Class 1 section**. Click on the pink rectangular box that says **Link to Class Google Site**. Then, click on the **Parents' Resource Folder**, and from there find the folder you need. You can also find direct links to **White Rose Maths** and the **Oak National Academy** and other websites. Any queries, please don't hesitate to ask and if you are unsure about anything then please let me know.

Please refer back to the suggested timetable that I sent out to you last week to help with a daily routine, As I have mentioned before there will be many things happening during the daily routines at home that will be a natural part of your child's learning. Early years children have a limited amount of concentration and tasks really need to be short, practical and hands on as much as possible. Do keep any activities quite short as this is much better for you and your child (and your sanity!)

It has been great to see you all at our Zoom meetings and they are a good opportunity for us to come together as a class. The class 1 Zooms will continue to take place each week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9.30 am. The link for these is: 883 865 5459 Password : rainbow

Please can your child have their whiteboard and pen, number cards/ letter sounds and the tens frame ready to use during a Zoom if needed. There will be an additional story time Zoom on Wednesday with Class 2 at 10am, using the same link and password.

Please continue to upload photographs and comments for your child to Tapestry - I will always reply to your posts and it enables us to communicate with each other. It is great to see some wonderful home learning taking place. I am always available via email, or by phone if you prefer, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything. **I have recommended some more websites that you may like to access on the following page of this letter.**

If you would like some new reading books for your reception child these will be available to collect at the school gate in a named pack on Monday 25th January from 10am. Please return any reading books that your child has finished with – we will leave a box out to put them in. If your nursery child would like any library books then I will leave a selection out in a box – please select 2 for your child.

Many thanks to you all for your ongoing support in these difficult times.

Regards

Mrs Grayson

Here are my recommendations to some more useful websites and activities for early years:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk Free access to an eBook library with lots of age appropriate reading books for your child to use. Go to the website and select the parents section. Log in details are: Username - **CastleCarrockClass1** Password – **readingowls**

[RSPB Birdwatch - Get Involved!](#) The Big Garden Birdwatch 2021 starts soon. Sign up to receive a free pack and spend some time each day enjoying nature and discovering wildlife on your doorstep.

[Tapestry infographic Activity weeks for Home Learning](#) – Tapestry have produced some weekly learning ideas to help support parents with their children at home. They are all linked to the Prime and Specific areas of learning in the EYFS curriculum.

[nrich maths for Early Years](#) Some great maths activities and ideas to support parents in developing the initial building blocks for mathematical thinking, reasoning and problem solving with their children

[ABC Does Home Learning](#)

Do take a look as there are some excellent ideas for activities that are quick and easy to use – perfect for this age range. You can access the website directly via our Class Google Site.

I hope you find them helpful