



Dear parents

It was great to see so many children in school today and I was so pleased that the children were engaged and enthusiastic with their learning. Over the coming weeks, there are obviously going to be some changes but I want to take this opportunity to provide you with as much information as possible on what I am going to do to ensure the children continue to learn and how you can support your child's learning at home.

Firstly, the information below explains how children can log onto the Google Classroom. The Google classroom is a fantastic way for the children to continue to learn and allows me to teach them, as best I can, whilst the school is closed. Over the next few weeks there will be a daily activity posted onto the Google Classroom (Monday – Friday). This activity will relate to the national curriculum, have a Maths/English focus and relate to the learning we would have been doing in school. To make the activities as clear as possible, I will post videos and explanations as a way to support the children when completing this activity. I have also sent the children home with a Home Learning book. In this book they can do any working out or practice that they might need to do for activities I have set. It's mainly there to provide them with somewhere to do any working out or sentence writing for the activities on the google classroom. Sometimes, there will be a follow up quiz about the daily activity, either through a Google Classroom Quiz or a Kahoot Quiz. The daily activities won't always be academic, some days there will be fun activities for the children to complete as well.

The children have used the Google Classroom in school and are familiar with how it works but they may need some assistance at times and some things will be new to them. They are also able to post questions to me on the main class stream that I will answer as much as possible.

Along with the Google Classroom, the following websites are available for the children to log onto. Their log ins can be found in the front of their reading records:

Maths Whizz: Aim to make **3 or more** progressions each week – I would advise 20 minutes a day of Maths Whizz. If there is an issue with a question freezing, please let me know (through the google classroom) and I can fix it for them.

Spelling Shed: Weekly spelling will be put on Spelling shed so the children can continue to practice their spellings at home. Aim to **practise them each day** and you can test them each week in their home learning book.

Numbots: Is good for number bonds, counting and number knowledge. If Maths Whizz is a struggle then numbots is a good alternative.

Times Table Rock Stars: I would advise the children to practice their times table daily for **10-20 minutes**.

Spag.com: This website might be used to assess children's understanding of a concept. It is not something they need to log onto unless stated on the Google Classroom.

Hopefully this information is helpful. Please continue to help the children with their learning as much as possible during these times. I have reminded the class that school is not cancelled it is just happening in a different way!

Best Wishes

Mr Brown