Honeybourne Primary Academy

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Dear Parents, 19th April 2020

HOME-LEARNING PLANS: Summer term 2020

As a result of conversations and feedback from parents and staff, and considerations for our children's learning, we have put together a more coordinated home learning plan for you all.

On our website, from today, you will see a new 'Home learning plan' for your child's class, covering a much wider area. Each class will still give you a lot of detail and support for Maths and English tasks as we realise these are much more specialised. In addition to those, other subject areas have been detailed to cover the theme of 'Honeybourne'. This gives you, as our key learning partners, a better chance of helping your children carry out all the necessary subject learning tasks without you juggling different topics. For example, everyone will be looking at the history and geography of Honeybourne, how people used to live, how people live now, what facilities we have etc. Another joint project is to design a new playpark for The Leys, or a park near to you. This means that if you have more than one child at our school, they can work together on their learning and take it at their own level. You can support them by talking to them, supervising research, helping them to contact older relatives by phone and using whatever resources you have.

In addition to the home learning plan, each class will have a *suggested* timetable and a weekly plan. Whilst these do look very prescriptive, they are a suggestion of how you *might* structure your week and will have more detailed notes for you on the Maths and English, week by week. You can then choose, with your child(ren), which topic tasks you work on each day/week.

At key stage two, classes 4, 5 and 6, there is much more subject specific content and so the plans are more detailed.

Look for 2 files in your child's class folder, named:

<your child's class name – Home learning plan – Summer Term 2020 – Theme – Honeybourne

<your child's class name – Home learning weekly timetable – Summer Term 2020

Please use these to support your home learning rather than be a slave to it. Take some time to read through the plans with your children and start to make you own timetables to give your home learning some structure (which is what a lot of you have asked for), more purpose and the motivation for the children to carry on.

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We know this is a difficult task for you as many of you are also juggling working from home. However, we hope that this new approach will support you more. Many of the tasks are such that, once the children know what to do, can be done with siblings or independently of you.

All the class teachers are very happy to offer phone support or carry out video-conference calls, such as via 'zoom' as long as parents are also present, and the children are in a suitable environment, such as a dining room/kitchen or lounge. Please also make sure that the back ground for the calls does not give away any personal detail, or show inappropriate images.

We would welcome your continued feedback on seesaw, via email or phone as to how you are finding the new plans, but please give them a little while to sink in and do share them with the children. If the weekly timetable is too much for you or your children, try taking it over two weeks and let us know how that goes.

Alongside the home learning plans and timetables, we will also be posting much more detailed documents where we feel this is necessary and helpful — you can access these at your leisure if you need more detail. For example, in Year 2 and Year 6, we will post the 'Assessment Frameworks' that we use to see how well the children are doing in moving toward or achieving the desired age-related standard in Maths and English. We will put subject progression maps up too, so you can see what is expected of your child in each subject for each year group.

This is a HUGE amount of information for parents to take in so go through it slowly. **The key plan to get you all started on the summer term, is the 'Home learning plan - Summer Term 2020, for your class group.**

If things get too much, leave it, have a rest, (do some Joe Wicks!) and come back to it later.

We are here to support and help. We are very grateful for the help and support you are providing your children and we will continue to work together with you.

Good luck and have fun! Please stay in touch.

Kind regards,

Elaine Huntington

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