Kelmarsh Online

Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Kelmarsh on-line. As you are acutely aware, our class will now be learning remotely from their homes. This is big (and sudden) change is clearly going to take some getting used to for both Mrs Withey and I, for you and the children. As I mentioned to one parent, it will evolve as we learn and move through this process so please bear with us!

Our aim for these daily term-time PowerPoints, is to deliver our core purpose of teaching and learning as effectively as possible in the circumstances – we aim to make this as manageable as we can for you.

It is crucial that all pupils work with us, albeit remotely, with parental support to continue with their learning during this school closure period. A well-structured, supportive approach to home learning will place them in the best position to continue with their learning when the school re-opens and to go on and achieve the success that they deserve.

I understand that many of you will be working from home and managing this will be a challenge. However, I do urge you to help and support your child develop a daily routine, rather than trying to squeeze the daily learning into the weekend. This will help cement learning and the different stimulus will be important for your child’s wellbeing. We really do need your support and encouragement to get them into this important new routine.

Equipment that your child will need

Your child will have been sent home with a pencil, a home learning book, a creative writing book (for diary/ story writing), their ‘busy books’ to sketch in and some reading/ library books. If you have not collected your home learning pack yet – please phone the school on MONDAY to pick these up. It would also be useful for your child to have a ruler to use as a number line in maths.

Struggling without a laptop? I shall also save the PowerPoints in PDFs so that they can be viewed on mobile phones. I will be adding online games/videos that would be great for your child to use to practise and apply their learning, so access to a laptop at certain points of the day would also be helpful.

There are bound to be teething issues to begin with – please be patient and kind with us… like you we were given little warning of this fundamental change to the way we teach! We haven’t managed to get the forum chat working yet, but if you have any suggestions and questions, please email them to Mrs Dinneen and she will forward that message to us. We will try to respond but please remember we will also be caring for the children of key workers.

Both Mrs Withey and I thank you for your continued support in this very challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Thornely