Sunday 19th April 2020

Dear Y2 parent,

I do hope that everyone is well and keeping safe. I know it must be a really difficult time for many. Working at home has its challenges for me… and I don’t even have little ones needing my attention, I know it must be even more difficult for you…and on top of this I’m sure many of you are working flat out to keep businesses running or trying to find ways to get by if you can’t actually work. Please feel free to totally ignore this mail if you are snowed under. I don’t want to add to your challenges.

If you do have some time though, it would be helpful to know if you are able to access any of the activities that I have been posting on the website (before the Easter holidays that is). It’s hard to juggle what to put on. I know that some have printers and can print off worksheets but not all do. Some have plenty of laptops, ipads and phones so can access online materials at home, but some families have to share them so it is more difficult.

Since the holiday there has been some more online teaching made available such as the Oakworth Teaching academy and BBC bitesize daily lessons. I haven’t been able to access these to preview them, so I don’t know how good they are. One encouraging thing about the BBC bitesize lessons is that they intend to put them on BBC iplayer as well as online, so hopefully they will be accessible from your television…this may reduce the demand for laptops and tablets! I don’t know how that is all going to work yet, but I shall let you know when I have had chance to investigate. If you find out yourself please share the information with other families.

In the meantime, I intend to put a week’s English work on the website which comes from Pie Corbett and some more maths lessons from White Rose.

If these are not accessible for you or you prefer to use other materials that are easier to access, then please go ahead. You have my permission to tell your child that I have set this work for them if it helps you to get them to take it seriously.

I wish you well over the coming weeks. I am missing the class and would love to be teaching them again, but we all have to follow the guidelines and trust that we can resume normal life as soon as possible.

Judith Trott