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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are well. I would like to thank all our children and their families for their hard work and perseverance with home learning during the last few weeks whilst we all adapted to a completely different way of learning.

As of next Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, we will be extending our weekly on-line learning provision to include:

- a live science lesson for Years 1 and 2;
- two 30-40 minute sessions with the Class Teacher to share/receive feedback from their 'Selection' work, (subjects other than English, Maths and Science);
- a whole school story each Monday to share a 'Thought for the Week';
- two 30 minute video 'social' sessions where the children can go online to catch up with one another. These sessions will be monitored by the TA who is supporting the class members in school.
- an official 'Chat Room', monitored by staff, for:

YR-Y2 Chat (monitored by Mrs Chaloner);

Y2/3 chat (monitored by Mr. Coker);

Y3/4 chat (monitored by Mr. Penny);

Y4/5 chat (monitored by Miss. Pleavin);

Y5/6 chat (monitored by Miss Jones).

We have decided to set up these chat rooms as we know a number of children have been using the 'chat' function to catch up with each other outside of the lesson, and whilst I think it is important for the children to stay connected, it is also a priority that all children feel included and safe whilst accessing Google Classroom. We will therefore be limiting the chat groups to the ones above.

To ensure the children feel included and safe the groups will have a number of rules:

- the groups are set up/managed/monitored by the specified staff member;
- all children are welcome to join (if they are in the correct age group). No child will be 'left out';
- the chat rooms are only to be used during school hours (9am-3.30pm);



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- the children are to ensure that they treat other members the same way as they would do in person: respectfully and with kindness.

Any child failing to follow these rules will:

- 1) Be reminded by the member of staff responsible for the chat.
- 2) Have their parents contacted to explain what has happened.
- 3) Have their 'chat' function switched off for a period of time.

These additional sessions, apart from the Y1/2 Science, are optional, as we want children to ensure that their focus is on completing their English and Maths work. We are aware that every family is different, so these opportunities are there to support children and families who need it, and not to add further pressure to families trying to juggle working from home, running a household and supporting their children to learn at home. The sessions, and their timings, will appear on your child's weekly timetable for next week. We will be sending out a questionnaire to gain feedback on our home learning at the end of next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need support, please contact the School Office.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Pleavin