

Somerford Primary School

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Dear Parents

Home Learning

Welcome to the summer term! It certainly doesn't feel like a normal return to school does it? I hope you managed to enjoy the Easter break in some way.

Over the last four weeks we have been working hard to ensure all the new systems and processes needed to make this unprecedented situation work are in place. We have opened a new provision, implemented social distancing measures, organised food hampers, added a huge number of resources to our website, added an addendum to our Child Protection Policy and developed a communication strategy – I'm sure there has been a lot more too!

Now it is time for us to further support you as parents in supporting your child to learn from home. Please don't panic - we do not expect you to be teachers! I fully understand the stresses you may feel in this time of home education as I try to juggle my role as Headteacher with my role as mum to a Y5 and Y7 child. We want to make this as easy as possible!

From next Monday, you will receive a weekly timetable for your child. This will have links to activities or resources attached that they may need. We will ensure there is a balance between Internet and practical based activities. These timetables will include an English and Maths task each day, a physical or mental wellbeing activity and a topic activity.

We hope this will help guide you through the next few weeks at home and save you having to search through the millions of resources available. It will also ensure your child is accessing learning as closely matched to their summer term learning as possible.

You will also receive Knowledge Organisers for this term's topic and the class text and these will provide you with additional learning opportunities should you wish them. If you don't have a copy of the text at home, we suggest you visit Audible as this is currently free.

You may have seen in the news that the government have made funding available for some families to have access to a laptop and a 4G router. Schools have not been provided with any additional information on this scheme yet, but as we do, I will contact any families who are eligible.

This pattern of home learning is likely to continue for a while, and we need to work together to ensure we maintain our high expectations of what children at Somerford can achieve therefore we would really encourage you to work through the timetable each week. However, we also recognise how challenging this is for parents and children and you need to do what is right for your family. If



you need any support, please do ask your child's class teacher when they call or via the class emails – we are all in this together!

We plan to send the timetable each week on Friday (or over the weekend) so you have it ready for Monday morning via Marvellous Me. It will also be accessible on the school website.

Finally, stay in – safe lives – and keep safe!

Best wishes

Helen Frampton

Headteacher

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