



Robert Le Kyng Primary School

Newsletter Date – 27th January 2021

Dear Parents,

First of all, can I say an enormous thank you to all of you who are supporting your children's learning at home. We know that many of you are juggling lots of other demands while supporting home learning and we are just grateful for all that you are doing. We have been tweaking our offer of home learning over the last couple of weeks as a result of feedback from parents, so we hope that you are now finding it easier to navigate what you need to do. Some hints and tips for successful home learning!

- Get yourselves into a routine – every family will have a different routine depending on other demands, but set aside a set time each day to get on with home learning. Include breaks and time to get outside.
- Children can have a short attention span. Think about ways to break up the sessions – in a classroom we would often have a short break between activities. Remember that our younger children also spend some of their day “playing” to support their learning.
- Do not panic if you do not get everything done each week. Focus on keeping basic skills ticking over and do what you can. We know learning is not always straightforward and some things will be easier than others.
- We have paper copies of the work available in the school office – do collect a pack if it helps you to keep the learning organised. Don't forget to watch the videos that support the learning though as these are where the teaching takes place.
- We are expecting another delivery of DfE laptops into school very soon. If you are struggling for devices to access the work, please let us know and you can borrow one of these when they come in. If you are also struggling for internet access, let us know as we may be able to access additional “data” for phone contracts.
- Keep in touch with your child's class teacher(s). The main contact should be through Purple Mash – you can upload homework or email the teacher using this platform. If you have not been in contact, class teachers will ring you. Please be aware that sometimes the number ringing you will be withheld if they are ringing from home.
- You don't need to upload every piece of work. Keep a look out for the pieces that are marked on the timetable to upload. We would also like to see any work that your child is particularly proud of.

Try to attend the class assembly each week – this is a time when the class can keep in touch.

The key message is that we are all doing the best we can in what can be a very difficult time for many families. We acknowledge that you will not always get everything done that you might wish to (we don't even manage this in a classroom).

If you have any further questions, please do contact us.

Finally, once again Thank You for all you are doing.

Mrs Smith

Headteacher



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Can we please remind you that if your child is attending Key Worker School, they need to be at school between 8.45 and 9.00am. There are fewer people around

the school right now so a 15 minute window each morning still enables us to follow strict social distancing measures and ensures we maximize our valuable learning time.

When logging into the Zoom assembly, please ensure that your **child's name** and not a parent's name shows on the screen so that we know who we are allowing to join in.



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BBC Bitesize to be free for BT and EE customers Customers using BT Mobile, EE, and Plusnet Mobile can use BBC Bitesize content from the end of January without eating into their data allowance. Bitesize provides structured lessons in maths and English for all year groups, as well as offering other curriculum material. Content from other providers is likely to be made free in the coming days. A full link to the story can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55616959>