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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and are starting to adapt to home learning and are finding new daily routines. We are all missing not seeing everyone at school each day but the staff are enjoying keeping in touch with the children via Seesaw and seeing what they have been up to.

I am now writing to explain how we intend to continue our home learning after Easter and moving forward whilst schools remain closed to all but keyworkers.

Miss Jennings will continue to set work for Oak Class via Tapestry. For the rest of the school, we are intending to set home learning tasks via Seesaw and so it is important that you have set up this learning platform as per the instructions that were sent home before school closed on 20th March. If you are having any issues in setting up Seesaw, please do let us know as soon as possible (via enquiries@heckington.lincs.sch.uk) so that we can help you. Each class teacher will be setting home learning as follows:

- One daily maths lesson per day; we would expect the children to access this lesson each day and it will then be taken down so a new activity can be posted the next day. This is to ensure that children are completing the learning in the correct sequence.
- One daily English lesson per day; this may be phonics or reading, SPaG or a writing task and these will vary each day so that the children have a range of activities to do. We would, though, encourage the children to continue with reading for enjoyment on a daily basis.
- Teachers will also be setting weekly spelling practice and Times Tables Rock Stars challenges for the children to complete over the week. This will ensure that core skills continue to be covered.
- Teachers will be setting weekly activities based on other topics (Science, Geography, History, etc.) which can be completed over the week along with a topic "menu" with independent activities for children to choose from if they wish to do so.

In terms of feedback and marking, class teachers will be looking regularly at the work that is completed and will acknowledge that they have seen it by leaving a like (heart) on the piece of work. Teachers will only give further feedback if a child has made significant errors or if there is a misconception that needs to be addressed. This feedback will be given using Seesaw. If your child requires an exercise book to record work in, then you are welcome to collect one from the school office during school opening hours.

I hope that this clarifies how we intend to move forward with home learning but if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Bentley









