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Dear Parent/Carer

Home Learning / School Project / End of School Year

As we are nearing the end of the school year we felt it that it was important to review home learning and the expectations connected with this.

Normally at this stage of the year we would be scaling back on homework and intensity of learning in the classroom. We understand that you have all been trying your very best to keep on top of learning at home and appreciate this very much. Whilst it is important, we know it can be exhausting.

This letter is to inform you that we have discussed, and agreed as a staff, that the volume of online work will be much reduced for pupils for the final two weeks of June. However, we would like the pupils to complete an activity that we feel will benefit them when they return to school in September.

We would like every child to <u>create an age appropriate short newsletter that details their</u> <u>experiences during this period of home learning and give them the opportunity to try to</u> <u>articulate their understanding of what is happening.</u>

We'd like the pupils to **bring the newsletter into school with them in September and share them with their teacher and classmates.** We feel this will give us a good starting point for a conversation in school. They will be able to ask questions and we will help them process their feelings. Pupils may appear to be coping and managing the current situation, however, it is important to give them space and time to talk about this and listen to the experience of others.

Teachers will issue a suggested format or idea for each year group but if you prefer to work on an alternative format that is fine! You could also look for newspaper clippings or interview family members. Siblings can work on the report together, or it can be completed independently.

Obviously you may also wish to continue with literacy and numeracy activities, and if this is the case please use; the learning packs sent home, suggested websites or any activities posted on the online platforms. Your child's teacher will be there for advice and guidance as normal via the class email account.

As we approach the end of term three we are continuing with end of year procedures, with this in mind, we are organising a date in the final week in June when school reports and books can be collected. More information to follow.

Regards,

Mrs H Watson Principal Mr Kelly Vice Principal



