



Thomas Johnson Lower School

Dream-Discover-Flourish

3rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

With the delay in reopening of schools, we really want to support you, as parents and carers, because we know you are bearing the responsibility of helping your child learn at this time. For some this experience has been easier than others and we recognise the enormous sacrifices you are all making.

Going forward, we plan to vary things a bit and hope these tweaks will help you until schools reopen again.



Activity Week "Our Favourite Things" Feb 8-12th

This will be a week where we come off curriculum and focus on promoting positive mental health by setting activities to make your child smile, think, explore and create. We will be celebrating "Our Favourite Things" with each teacher choosing a favourite book, film, song or poem to provide inspiration for a day of activities.

Each day a different teacher will be setting work for the whole school. You will receive a bundle of activities to do on your usual Google Classroom platform, and there will be something to engage every year group. The activities will be structured, but will be set in a way that you can spend as much or as little time on them as your child wants. All we ask is that they engage each morning and "have a go".

12th Feb will be our Rewards Celebrations. Awards will be given out during your child's Zoom meeting and will be posted to them. (Owls will have a special extra meeting on the Friday)

Feb 15-19th: HALF TERM - No work will be set at all over this time! This is an opportunity for everyone to re-charge their batteries.

Well-being Fridays

From w/c 22nd Feb onwards we are re-introducing our Well-being Fun-Day Friday. Some of you will remember these from the last lockdown. Your child's class teacher will provide an activity for the day (which could be baking, or playing a board game, or spotting something on a walk etc).

We will continue to set the normal daily curriculum lessons from Monday-Thursday. We will continue to expect your child to engage in the English and Maths activities each day. If your child is struggling to focus, then pick one activity from the afternoon.

Worksheet support - available from Tuesday 23rd February

You have asked us for some extra activities should your child either finish their work early, or find it too hard to engage in a particular task. We are providing worksheet packs for each class after half term, and these will be ready to collect on Tuesday 23rd February. The worksheets will be English, Maths or Topic- based, so that you can rest assured their learning is still continuing even if your child thinks they are playing!! The activities will include word searches, addition and subtraction colouring etc

Book return - by 12th February

Please return books and reading logs to us by 12th February if you want any items exchanged, so that we can have your new books ready to collect on Tuesday 23rd February (and you can collect a worksheet support pack at the same time if you want!)

Pupil Progress Meetings (formerly Parents' Evening) for Parents and Carers 8th - 12th February

In the Spring term we usually run our Parent Evenings, which are a chance for us to discuss your child's progress and next steps. Next week, the teachers will host individual pupil progress meetings for all parents and carers. These will take place during the day (or after school for Key Worker Parents). We will be using Zoom to host these 15 minute sessions.

The teachers are currently drawing up a list of possible slots and will provisionally allocate a time for you to attend. This is a draft timetable. If the slot isn't convenient - then please pick another one and let your teacher know by emailing them (see below). Once all the slots have been finalised, you will receive an email with a zoom link to follow on the day of your child's Pupil Progress Meeting..

For changes to slots please email the class teachers as follows:

Hedgehogs: cturner@thomasjohnsonschool.co.uk

Foxes: atyrrell@thomasjohnsonschool.co.uk

Badgers: kblythe@thomasjohnsonschool.co.uk

Owls: smartin@thomasjohnsonschool.co.uk

If you are concerned about how this would work for you (e.g. maybe you don't feel confident holding a Zoom meeting, or haven't used this before) please let your class teacher know! We can also arrange phone meetings if this would suit you better.

Finally, please look out for our Home Learning Survey which is due later this week and let us know your thoughts!

With very best wishes,



Marian Haimes
Headteacher