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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. I would like to thank you all of you that contributed to our survey about our remote home learning provision. We will be sending out the results of this at the beginning of next week. We have listened to your responses and have made some adjustments where possible.

### **Reading.**

Reading is the gateway to all areas of learning and is key to making good progress in the curriculum. We are very passionate about reading and over lockdown we want children to read as many books as possible. As we are unable to lend books out to children we have come up with an alternative. Many of you will be pleased to know we have extended our online books subscription for Bug Club to include Key stage 2. All children in the school have logins to bug club and these allow them to read lots of books on any device. The teachers have been busy allocating books to the children and will share the logins for the children with you next week. We have attached a parent's guide to help you navigate your way around it, if you are new to the online platform.

### **Parents Evening.**

On the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February we will be running 1:1 zoom sessions for parents to discuss their children's progress with the remote learning (these also include children currently attending school). This will give you an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have and also celebrate all the learning the children have submitted. We will not be sending out Point-In Time Assessments this half term. Teachers will be sending out an appointment email shortly so please check your emails next week and book an appointment.

### **Website.**

We are keen to continue to find ways to encourage the children to keep up with their home learning. We have been so pleased with the work that they have been sending in and want to celebrate it. All the teachers across the Federation are responsible for a subject across the two schools and they have been busy looking at the work the



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children have been handing in. Over the next few weeks they will be picking some of their favourite pieces and adding them on to their subject pages on the website. So make sure your children check regularly as their work could be featured as a stand out piece.

### Computers

If you are struggling with access to technology at home, we have received a generous donation that has allowed us to purchase some new laptops for the school. This will allow us to loan out to some of our existing laptops to our students who are at home. If you would like to loan a laptop from school to assist with your child's access to our remote provision, then please contact Mrs Delve at the office.

### Bad Weather

I am sure many of you have seen the news about the possibility of heavy snowfall over the weekend and the beginning of next week. Should bad weather roll in and it becomes unsafe for children and staff to travel in to school we may have to shut the school. We will make this decision timely to ensure our families in school have as much notice as possible. In the event of any school closure the remote learning for the children will continue to be posted daily.

We know that the continuing lockdown is difficult for all families and we aim to support you with your children's home learning however we can. Please continue to stay in touch with your class teacher. We hope that the 8<sup>th</sup> March will bring good news and we will be able to open our doors to all the children very soon.

Best Wishes,



Mrs Godbold.