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Dear Parents

Maths Home Learning Update

First of all I wanted to thank all you for helping your child with their home learning in such unprecedented times. The feedback we have received has been very positive and it has been lovely to hear about all the tasks that have been undertaken.

In Maths, we have been using the White Rose Maths home learning website which has the successful formula of a teaching slide for the children to engage in, followed by activity sheets to complete. This resource has been available free to everyone.

As you are aware from last week's Home Learning Letters, White Rose have now ceased to provide these free activity sheets. This was supposed to take place from Monday 4th May but, due to platform problems, they decided to give us another week of free resources. However, **from Monday 11th May**, White Rose will **definitely** only continue to make their teaching slides available for free, **not the activities**. Whilst the school can subscribe for the activity sheets, we would not be allowed to share the school log details in with parents. All we would be able to do is download even more pdf files to our school website for you to access.

We have therefore decided to move the core of our Maths home learning to the daily BBC Maths lessons. White Rose have been part of a team developing the content used, as well as Classroom Secrets (which is another maths provider the children use in school regularly). The BBC content takes the same successful formula of a daily teaching slide followed by a choice of activities. Sometimes the teaching slides are the White Rose ones, other days they may use a different provider. The activities are also from a range of sources and schemes.

In addition, some year groups may notice a repetition of subjects within the group; this is not accidental or a mistake. White Rose have carefully developed a special summer term coverage since the closure of schools. *We reiterate that you are undertaking home learning not home teaching and so repeating some subjects makes complete sense for both you and your child so that they can keep their maths skills honed and be ready for the next steps in their learning when school does reopen.*

The main difference for you will be that the BBC daily lessons will not be available prior to the day so for those of you who were organised and printing all the lessons for the week at once, I am afraid this is no longer an option. The children will have to print as they go - if and when they get to that part of the lesson. You can, however, access the lessons retrospectively from the website.

Links to the BBC website are on the weekly learning letters for your year group, as are non-computer based activities should your child not be able to access these online lessons. There is also a daily maths programme available on the TV version of BBC Daily lesson which you can access from the BBC channel using the red button on the remote control.

Once again, we are grateful for any home learning that you are able to undertake at the moment and do not wish to cause any further stress or upset. Please do contact your class teacher or myself directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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