

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are unsure as to how long absence from school will be necessary. With this in mind, we have prepared a pack for home learning for you to hopefully enjoy completing with your child.

Our topic for this half term has been 'Spring into Life' and we have therefore planned the following as home learning opportunities.

**Phonics** – please spend 15-20 mins daily to continue to review the phase 2 and 3 sounds using the fans that have previously been sent home. A sheet of tricky words to learn to read and write for phase 4 is also enclosed in the pack. Please encourage your child to read and write short words and captions using these sounds and tricky words. Phonics Play is a good website with some free interactive resources to access.

**Writing** - we are part way through writing our own book about the caterpillars we are observing in class. We have included a writing frame to enable you to continue to do this at home. There are lots of videos on you tube that you can watch with your child to show the metamorphosis process. Please use the letter formation sheet and phoneme mats that have previously been sent home to support this.

**Reading** – please continue daily reading. All the children have their Bug Club Active Learn log in that was put in reading records a few weeks ago. Their virtual bookshelf has books to match their current phonic phase to read. We will update this as required. Please feel free to read other story books from home too.

**Maths** – The maths home book was recently handed out at parents' evenings. Please continue to work your way through this with your child. The Number Blocks episodes and Number Jacks episodes that can be found on you tube are also appropriate for your children. Practising number formation, careful counting, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's are also valuable activities.

**Homework project** – please have a go at completing our upcycling planting project ready to go in our EY outdoor area when you return to school. The details are set out in the pack.

Some helpful websites and online resources include the following;

- Bug Club Active Learn
- Phonics Play
- Purple Mash (log in details attached to reading records)

Our Early Years curriculum includes much more than reading, writing and maths. Please make the most of the opportunity to share other learning skills with your children, such as;

- Doing up zips
- Tying laces
- Cutting with scissors
- Pencil pincer grip with colouring
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Number games like Snakes and Ladders
- Understanding the world and outdoor environment exploration
- Cooking
- Art and craft
- Music and dancing

We will continue to be in contact via the SeeSaw app and available to help should you need us.

We really appreciate the continuing support you provide and hope you all stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

Miss Reece and Mrs Griffiths