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Dear Parents and Carers

SEESAW and Bank Holiday closure

It has been brilliant to be able to have the contact and communication with the children via our home learning platform Seesaw. This is the number one best thing about being a teacher and it has been so hard for us not having that contact with them.

From Thursday however, the teachers will not be accessing Seesaw for marking and will be back online on Monday (11th May 2020) and we recommend you all do the same.

Some of you have been in touch and asked is it ok if you just have a bit of a breather from the school work and the answer is 'of course'. If you see your child getting stressed or disengaged they must take a break and pause. And the same goes for you! We have been blessed with this wonderful weather so there are plenty of opportunities for you to access outdoors if your home allows and to go for your daily exercise together. Or just stay on the sofa for a bit and watch a movie.

We had our first zoom teacher meeting on Monday and we agreed that all year groups would be posting the same amount of work for the children. This will be a daily maths and English task, a weekly spellings activity/list, a weekly Science, a weekly PE (although I know some of you are still starting your day with the delightful Joe Wicks!), a weekly activity linked to either history, geography or art and then things that come up as and when like this week's VE Day focus. We also encourage your children to continue to read books (and use Bug Club), magazines, the news, anything they enjoy. Work will be archived from seesaw after two weeks, so you will only be able to access the current week and the previous week's work.

This home learning is for you to do if you can. If you can't manage it on some days/weeks, it is ok.

Please also be aware that our teachers are working every day planning and setting work for the children but also have a number of other tasks that need completing as part of

their daily jobs. Some teachers are also managing their own childcare. As a result, there may be days when your child does not get a teacher response to Seesaw. Please be patient and kind in your comments if this happens.

As for now, we await Mr Johnson's announcements this week and look forward to planning for our long weekend.

Thank you as always for your support.

Stay safe everyone. We miss you all and can't wait to see you all soon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Sarah Foster

Headteacher