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Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning

I would like to start this letter with a very big thank you to all of you for your support and dedication in supporting your child's learning at home during lockdown. Although this period of time brought with it many challenges, there were also many successes and indeed we were able to witness once again the powerful impact that learning support offered by yourselves and working alongside the school has on your child.

On that note, you may remember that we were in the process of reforming our approach to home learning and we aim to continue along this path, but in the light of the current situation, there will need to be some minor changes put into place.

I have attached the initial letter with home learning information for you to use as a reference. But the main changes are as follows:

- For the foreseeable future, Seesaw will be used as a platform to communicate with parents and pupils about the home learning tasks for each week. The key weekly tasks continue to be reading, spelling and times tables. **However, we will not be setting any project style tasks until later in the year.** The practise activities will be a mixture of games, both web based but also practical games and activities, (see the school website www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk for details by visiting the home learning link). **It remains the responsibility of the class teacher to track and amend achievement of pupils spelling and maths targets and this will happen in the class as part of our weekly planning.** Very similar to how we track and monitor reading band progress across the school.
- To continue with minimising items brought into school at this time, we will not be asking for any written evidence of spelling and times table home learning to be returned to school. However, reading books and reading records should continue to be in school **everyday**, as indicated in our reading guidelines in the front of your child's reading record.
- All spelling and maths passports can be found on our website and your child will know which passport they are currently practising in school. If your child's class teacher needs to pass on any information regarding your child's passport target they will do so using Seesaw.



- If at any time your child is required to isolate at home or cannot attend school because of someone in your family is an identified close contact isolating due to receiving a positive Covid-19 test result, they will be able to access learning from school by using Seesaw where their class teacher will post daily activities. We are currently finalising our 'Remote Learning Policy' and will be sending out further information next week.

We aim to start home learning week beginning 28th September. Home learning will be set on a Wednesday. In the meantime, please continue to support your child with their reading at home and of course any other spelling and maths practise you wish to do.

If you have any issues with accessing Seesaw, please let your child's class teacher know and this can be addressed.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during these times.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs H Lammin
Head of School

