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New Online Learning Platform

Dear Parents and Carers,

Because we envisage that the school's closure will continue for some time, we have spent this week looking into the best ways forward to support our children. To this end, we have chosen to use an online learning platform called Seesaw as a means for the children to keep in touch with their teachers and participate as a virtual year group. We are really excited about using Seesaw and we hope you will enjoy using it too.

Year 4 will start to use the platform from Monday, with the rest of the children joining in after the Easter holiday period.

We have chosen to use Seesaw because it is easy to use, even if you don't have a computer. It lets children become active participants, rather than carrying out tasks in isolation. The children will love responding to the tasks in lots of different and creative ways. The tasks will be specific and manageable, given each week. The teachers will view the children's work, acknowledge they have seen it and provide general feedback to the group, as well as personal feedback on one piece of English and maths each week.

In order to log in to your child's account you will need to:

- Visit <https://app.seesaw.me/> or install the 'Seesaw class' app on an iOS or Android device
- Select 'I am a student'
- Type in the access code that you will be given.

When you log in, you should be able to see a video or a voice recording from one of the year group's teachers, welcoming you to the site. We would like the children to comment on the video to show that they have managed to log in and are ready to use Seesaw. Following this, teachers will begin to set challenges for the children to complete and will give ideas and guidance about how they can respond.

Year 4 parents will receive their code early next week via ParentApp. All other parents will be given their access code over the phone during their teacher consultation call, before the start of the new term.

New work will be available each week before 9am on Monday. There will be a series of English, maths and topic tasks to complete and respond to. You can spread these across the week in whatever way works for you and your family. We are conscious that the devices in your house will be in high demand, so we will ensure that most of these tasks can be completed away from screens and the uploaded at a later time.

We look forward to working with you in this new and exciting way!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice Earnshaw". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alice Earnshaw

Acting Deputy Headteacher