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Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families are all well during this difficult time.

The Year 5 and 6 teachers have set home learning activities for the week, commencing on Monday 27th April. For each week of home learning, there will be a list of activities for your child to work through. To aid you in understanding what the tasks are, where to find them and how to complete them, we have created two documents.

- 1) **A weekly tasks overview** – this has all the information about the tasks, where to find them and how to complete them, for the week on it. You will need to refer to this in order to understand the weekly timetable.
- 2) **A weekly timetable** - this lays out when each activity could be done. Please only use this if this would be helpful and bring a useful structure to home learning.

Some activities will not take the whole session they have been timetabled for – this is to allow for flexibility of time for children to also follow other learning or interests they may be doing at home. Depending on your child, some activities may take longer than the given ‘time’. Do not worry about sticking rigidly to the timetable!

Purple Mash is a key part of your child’s home learning, as this is where work will be set, often completed and saved for your teacher to view. Therefore we have created **a parent and pupil guide to using Purple Mash**, to make sure you feel comfortable accessing all the set home learning.

Our topic for the Summer Term is ‘Roman Conquest’, so some of the activities will be based around this theme. We have also set some Purple Mash activities for English, maths, science and some foundation subjects.

Ideally, learning - whether at home or at school - should be fun and not too stressful. We do appreciate how hard home learning can be for you and your child so please complete work that is manageable and useful to your child. They should be able to complete the activities that we have suggested with just a little support from an adult to get them started but then should be able to work independently. If your child is finding the work too stressful, try a different activity or take a break. Children learn best when they are focused and ready to learn!

The government has produced a list of useful online education resources for you to access. Take a look at the ‘Primary’ age resources for Key Stage 2 using the following link. The materials include suggested texts and a lovely selection of poems.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

BBC Bitesize Daily has also set up daily activities that you may be interested in accessing. Pick your child’s year group and start home-schooling: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

We would like to thank all of you for your on-going support. We have been really impressed with some of the work that has been produced by your children on Purple Mash. The teachers would also like to thank all of the pupils who have replied to class emails through ‘**2Email**’ on the Purple Mash site. It is so lovely to hear about their experiences at home and each email is joyfully received. Please encourage your child to engage in these emails, even if they feel they have nothing to write about – anything would be of interest to us – it is just lovely to hear from them. We are missing them lots!

Whilst supporting your child, please make sure that you look after yourselves too. We are not expecting you to be teachers; your well-being is just as important as your child’s. Some days you may find your child is more receptive to learning than other days – this is absolutely fine! We appreciate all that you are doing at home and miss working with your child at school. Let’s hope we return soon.

Many thanks,

The Year 5 and 6 Team.