



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

12th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning at SPCEDS

Home learning (also termed as homework – not to be confused with activities/learning that will be set/sent home where a child is self-isolating) is a practical application of working in partnership with parents/carers to provide the best possible education for the children. Fundamental to the success of any home learning will be the support and encouragement given at home with parents/carer's commitment to support their child's learning part of the expectations when sending their child to Spalding Parish Church of England Day School. For the current academic year, we have reviewed our current home learning in response to the current situation.

Home learning will be set by class teachers to support in class work, reinforcing and consolidating the learning undertaken in school. As such the focus will be on applying skills taught over the course of a week, rather than new learning. Staff will be marking class based work, as per the school's policy, and planning for next steps in class, with home learning linked to this. As a school we believe staff need to concentrate their efforts in assessing school based learning, which includes marking as just one element of this, and using their time for this rather than learning at home which we believe is about parents/carers being involved in their child's learning. Consequently, whilst home learning activities may be reviewed in class, as part of the ongoing learning process, they will not all be formally marked.

Over the course of the year, home learning activities will include work such as number bonds, multiplication tables and spellings, sent home on a regular basis, other Maths activities as part of our home/school 'Maths Meander' and a library book and home reading book as part of our home/school 'Reading Ramble'. We hope you will continue to hear and/or encourage your child to read regularly at home throughout the whole year because we see it as an extremely important way of encouraging children's progress in reading and fostering the love of books.

Further activities will also be set through online programs subscribed to by the school to support the development of pupil's skills. All children at SPCEDS will have subscriptions to programs, in school and at home, and once activities are completed, feedback is given within the program. Parents can also sign up for an account online and features include a weekly report for each child sharing activities completed and outcomes. Login details for your child can be found in their 'Maths Meander' and 'Reading Ramble' books so they can also access activities at home alongside accessing programs in school.



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As you are aware, during lockdown we began using the Microsoft Teams program in order to have some face to face contact with the pupils. This was an invaluable resource that enabled us maintain those all important relations with the school community and enabled both teachers and children to share their experiences.

Moving forwards, it is our intention to continue to use Teams as part of the suite of technology utilised to support the learning process as we believe it to be a very useful tool and will support pupils learning at home. As such we intend to use Teams as a place to set our weekly home learning (homework) however Teams will also be used to share learning/activities for pupils who need to self-isolate but also in the event of bubble closures for contact between staff and pupils. As such, as we move towards term break we are going to start setting homework on Teams and we would ask that you support your child in getting to know how to use it.

Below you will find the instructions explaining how to log onto Teams. You will also be sent your child's log on for Teams, which is your child's school email address and their password, via their Maths Meanders and Reading Rambles. Should you be unsure with regards to this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

To set your child up in Teams, you will need to follow the instructions below:

1. Open your internet browser using the following link <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>.
2. Click on **Sign in**.
3. When requested type your child's email address in the box. (You can find a copy of their email address in their Maths Meander or in their Reading Ramble).
4. When requested type your child's password in the box. (You can find a copy of their password in their Maths Meander or in their Reading Ramble).
5. Follow the recommendations with regards to the staying signed in options.
6. Your child should now be set up on Teams and able to access online provision for their class.

As a school community we will endeavour to support every child to access their account over the next couple of weeks – indeed your child may already have undertaken this with their class – and will be completing whole class sessions where we will show the children where they can find their allocated work.

As always, should you have any problems then please do not hesitate to contact us, ideally via the Year Group emails, where one of the team will be more than happy to help you:

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KS1: Year 1 – Y1@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Year 2 – Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

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UKS2: Year 5 – Y5@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

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Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Kind Regards,

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