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Dear Parents and Carers,

On-line learning Update

In line with the ever-changing learning and working environment that we live in, as a school we are ensuring that your child is equipped with the knowledge and skills to use on-line learning tools safely and effectively. As a result, we are moving forward with using technology to support home school links, efficient use of learning resources and a personalised education for your child. Your child will now have access to many different online platforms both in school and at home, that will support their learning. You should have already received all your child's login details for each learning app. These details are also available to you 24/7 via google classrooms.



Wonde single sign on **enables learners to login to their educational apps with one simple set of login details**; choosing between magic badges or emojis. Logging in this way will mean that **wonde** your child will log into Wonde where they will see all their education apps. Once they have signed in initially it will save their login details for ease of logging in for the future.



Google Classroom

Google classrooms will be **vital for the progression of your child's learning** as you will be able to access their weekly home school learning, reading diary, spellings, and times tables for the week as well as having continual contact with your child's teacher. With the home school learning, there will be linked websites or videos that will enhance your child's knowledge and understanding around the topic they are currently learning about in school.



Times Tables Rockstars is a **fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables**. Your child's times tables will be linked to their times tables test they will have in class weekly which can be used to support their learning. It's **absolutely essential** that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. In our experience, short bursts of practise on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week.



NumBots is all about **every child achieving the "triple win" of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction**, so that they move from counting to calculating. Pupils choose their own Bot before launching into 'Story' and 'Challenge' modes, where our algorithm takes care of their learning. For most effective practice we suggest playing for at least 3 minutes a day, 4 or 5 times a week at home.

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Bug Club is a school reading program which joins e-books to teach children how to read. Bug Club's online reading world **aims to help children improve their reading skills** at home with exciting e-books and rewards and has been designed to motivate children so that they get the most out of reading each book and want to read more.



RWInc. books are online. Your child will still read high quality paper books in school and will have their current book taught daily with their previous book kept in their tray for morning practice reading. **We have invested in online books as we believe this is the best way for sustainable reading and takes advantage of children's motivation to use technology whilst developing their skills to access resources.**



Discovery Education is a **highly visual teaching and learning resource** used throughout the curriculum. The service is also available to your child from home. It allows them to continue enjoying what they have been doing in school, while enabling you to get more involved in their learning and join in with the fun too.

Blended learning in the classroom

During the 'lockdown' the school purchased and received through the DfE a number of Chrome Books and Laptops to support on-line access to learning. These are used daily in school as a tool for learning across a number of subjects. Classes from Year 1 - Year 4 also access explicit Computing lessons every Friday to ensure that your child develops the key skills and knowledge around computing to prepare them for their learning journey and the world of work in the future.

We will keep you updated with further plans for developing our ICT provision across the school over the next few weeks.

Many thanks for your ongoing support as we work together to ensure exciting and purposeful learning experiences for your child.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Percival
(Computing and ICT Leader)

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