



Crocus Class Newsletter - 17th April

Hello Everyone

Hoping you have had the opportunity to have quality family time during the Easter holidays and spend time outside in the fine weather we have had recently. Monday 20th April signals the beginning of the summer term, so time for Crocus to begin their home school routine again.

From this term, there will be a greater expectation to complete the work and activities that are set to maintain your child's learning. We value your support and know that you will agree how important it is for your child to keep up with regular learning in readiness for their return to school later in the year.

We will be sending you activities for a week at a time by email each Monday morning and would like to suggest that you plan with your child a timetable of when they will complete the tasks during each week. Routine is very important, something that we find works very well in school and the children usually like to know what they will be learning next. Some things such as **reading, phonics, spelling and maths skills** are easier to learn in short and frequent bursts and would normally be planned for daily at school. If you can maintain this when possible, it would very much appreciated. Many of the tasks will help your child practise and develop skills that have been taught previously, rather than completely new learning.

We all know that PRACTISE MAKES PROGRESS!

How to help your child:

Most of the tasks will require your help to read instructions or to read and discuss a powerpoint; to watch a short introductory video together or just to help find the things needed to complete the task.

Please let us know if you are likely to have any problems accessing powerpoints or the videos (via a computer) so that we can support you using a different method.

Sharing completed work:

New work will be emailed to you on Monday mornings for completion during that week. **We are asking that you return completed work by email, either daily or by the end of the week at the latest so that we can give feedback.** This can be by taking a photograph and sharing as an email, sending as an attachment if the work is completed on the computer or scanned in if you have the means to do so.

Don't worry, we'll remind you if you forget.

It would be very helpful if you could add any comments such as how much help (if any) was needed to complete the work. This will help us immensely with setting further work and to ensure that work isn't too easy or too challenging.

Abacus and purple mash tasks do not need to be sent by email as we can see these already. Just remember to press the 'hand in' button in purple mash so we know it is finished.

Celebrating children's work:

We would like to share a selection of the children's work in our weekly newsletters, so please remember to email early! Hopefully, our newsletters will become a celebration of the children's work which will be posted on the school website.

Just another reminder to find out about the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. Look for pictures and videos of *Pica-Pica* and *Apollo* (our adopted baby elephant and rhino).

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/>

If you use Instagram, you can follow them where they post photos and videos of the animals daily.



Children - Keep in touch with your friends using 2Email on Purple Mash.

It can be accessed on

<https://purplemash.com/inkpen> or google/search for purple mash and select Inkpen Primary School in the school portal section. You will need your username and password.

If you have lost it, contact us via our teacher email or through school.

Keeping in touch

Parents and carers - if you have anything you specifically wish to ask us then please contact us on our school emails below.

Check out the '**Supporting Home Learning for Mathematics**' booklet on the school website. It contains great ideas for practical and fun maths activities at home.

*Stay safe and keep in touch
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