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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, schools will close tonight until further notice. We have spent the last two days reassuring the children, explaining the situation in child friendly terms and letting them know about the arrangements. We are so proud of our children for the positivity, resilience and strength of character they are showing; we have carried on as normal and it has been lovely to see the usual excellent lessons and activities continuing this week. I am also so proud of our school staff who have demonstrated such determination, resilience and team spirit this week and will continue to do so over the coming weeks as, along with other key workers, we work to support our nation's infrastructure.

Your child is bringing home a work pack tonight. This includes a range of activities for your child to work on during the coming weeks. Please do not feel children have to complete all of these tasks. You know what is best for your family and we do not want to add additional worry or difficulties for parents/carers. We would advise that you keep some sort of structure to the week days and a set time to work on these activities. This will ensure that when we do return to school, children cope better with the transition back into school routines. Make sure where you can that you do lots of fun things too- Lego, jigsaws, board games, movie afternoons, baking, make an indoor or outdoor den/tent, pyjama days snuggling up with a movie and outdoor play in gardens and yards amongst other things.

Reading regularly is absolutely crucial and with this in mind, we are sending a number of Reading/Library books home. Please take care of these and ensure that you return them once we are back in school.

I have attached a list of other suggestions and there are lots of brilliant ideas being shared online and via social media.

From 20<sup>th</sup> April onwards, we will aim to send further activities and information via Class Dojo.





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An additional letter is being sent to parents/carers of key workers with information about organisation of this provision over the coming weeks. The children who attend this provision will very much be involved in the same activities as those children staying at home, working on their work packs in the morning and fun/creative/outdoor activities in the afternoons.

I will be in touch each week via text and email with any updates, messages for children and families, activity ideas and competitions so look out for these.

We will very much remain a school family and community and keep each other going through these uncertain times. Continue to contact us as needed via Class Dojo or through the school office.

Please keep safe and look after one another.

Best Wishes,

Louise Lavelle Headteacher



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