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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you all managed to enjoy last week! I wanted to give you an update about the learning that we are sending home, as I am sure that other friends are relaying very different expectations from their children's schools.

I thought I would share and adapt the words from other head teachers who have also been communicating about HOME LEARNING.

So firstly, it is for you as a family to choose from the work available to help keep your child's mind active and to keep their learning live. We are simply providing enough for those of you who want to do more but nobody will be judging anybody on how much is done. Many of you have more than enough to worry about without this added pressure.

Please do not put yourself under too much pressure to replicate the school timetable. They are your children, not your pupils and they are at home not school. It is not and should not be the same thing.

Instead build this around a wide variety of activities, which may include physical exercise, **reading**, being creative, playing with toys (indoor and in the garden), cooking, gardening, learning or practising a musical instrument, playing card games and board games or simply relaxing, watching films, chatting with each other as a family or close friends online. Make the most of enjoying the opportunities this forced confinement is offering us!

If there is a task that you or your child are unsure of then move on, doing something is better than doing nothing. Little and often is the key. Short burst, praise, break and then back to it.

Encourage your child to spend time **reading**, researching, and watching the kind of programs you would not usually watch, like documentaries.

Lastly, please do not argue about any of this with your children.

It is more important that you focus on working out how to cope with being closely confined as a family and how to get on! It will not be the end of the world if this work is not done - it is much more important that you have harmony in your homes and learning will happen. All of this will keep and remember everyone is in the same boat!

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Thorne, Headteacher