



“A Safe Branch from Which to Soar”

29 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Homelearning in Helvellyn Class

Thank you for completing the homelearning survey before we stopped for the half term break, the collation of these results has allowed us to review our homelearning procedures ready for the start of our next half term!

The completed survey has given us a good idea of how our children in Helvellyn are working:

- Children on average are spending 3 hours per day on homelearning
- The majority of families believe that the amount of homelearning that the children receive is ‘about right’, with 1 requesting more
- Maths, topic and reading seem to be the areas of learning that are working best for the children, that is reassuring to know!
- Online maths and Roman work were the activities that proved most popular, we will aim to plan more activities similar to these!
- RE, English and maths seem to be the areas of learning that are least successful. From looking at the comments, this is mainly due to a dislike of the subject, or parents not being confident enough to help their child in these areas with their learning. Having considered this, we are going to aim to make an extra effort to make these subjects seem more appealing to see if that makes a difference
- Supervising, organising and enthusing your children have been challenging for you. We are working with families to support this – we are here to help!

Thank you to the families who left additional comments. It was particularly good to read positive comments such as, “I have enjoyed having my child at home and seeing what she is able to do,” and, “A big thank you to Mrs Idle for phoning to see how my child was, it was a reassuring extra.” It has helped to boost our morale, and approach the next half term with the reassurance that our plans and ideas meet the needs of the majority of our families.

Looking ahead to next half term, school will be reopening for some children of critical workers, and children in Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 6. (Information regarding reopening has been sent to these families directly). The work that will be completed in school will mirror the work that will be sent home for you to do together. We would like to share with you an overview, or reminder of how homelearning for your child will look for this next half term:

- Homelearning will be emailed out to the children the evening before, ready for the next day
- Mrs Turner will email the guided reading activities on a Tuesday morning
- Some phonics groups will receive their homelearning in the mornings



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- On the website we will update the Helvellyn' class page weekly:
<https://www.shap.cumbria.sch.uk/helvellyn/>

One of the many positives that came through in your homelearning survey, is that you and your children have benefitted from the close communication by email and telephone calls. Please do not hesitate to email us, we are available to communicate via email throughout the day, as usual. I will also be teaching in school, but I will reply as soon as I have chance. We are also more than happy to arrange mutually convenient telephone calls with you and / or your child, as requested. In response to requests from two families, we are hoping to offer a weekly 'social zoom' with groups of children from Helvellyn class who have not returned to school. Please let us know by emailing aidle@shap.cumbria.sch.uk that you would like to be included on the invite list for zoom meetings, and we will confirm exact arrangements with you in due course. Many thanks!

Kind Regards,

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