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Dear Parents/Carers,

Throughout this term we have been working to improve our remote learning provision so that should it become necessary for us to close a year group or if individual children have to isolate, they will still be able access daily lessons, submit their work and interact regularly with their teachers and classmate.

The digital platform we will be using is Google Classroom.

Google Classroom is a secure learning network that provides a safe way for us to share content, access homework, participate in discussions and receive class information. It is not a platform for live lessons, but is fully interactive in that teachers and children can communicate regularly and teachers can see in an instant which children have accessed the work (assignments) that are set so they can respond and support where necessary.

To begin with, we will only be using this as a means of staying in touch, a platform through which we can communicate more regularly, albeit in a virtual way. Hopefully by getting the children (and parents) used to using it, if children are then required to isolate at home, they could easily continue with their learning using this platform. We aim to start using it to set homework, once we are confident that most families can access it.

Google Classroom uses the internet and is accessible online and through any mobile devices with Internet capabilities—including iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

Please find attached to this letter, a guidance sheet which will explain how to set this up along with video links and a PowerPoint has been added to our school website to help. Please be patient as we get this going. Implementing this has provided us with new challenges, but we are very excited to begin trialling this with the children.

The children have been shown in school how to log on and find their classroom. They have been set a very short task by their class teacher which we would like them to complete over half term. If you can support them to get that completed that will be our first step to getting the system up and running.



We have also reminded the children of online safety and behaviour expectations using Google Classroom. Please can you regularly discuss online safety with your children and see our 'Safe and Secure' page on our website for further information and advice.

Your child's login details for them to access Google Classrooms are at the top of this letter. Please note, the password is based on their SUMDOG password so hopefully this will help ease the signing in process.

If you haven't responded to our survey on access to digital devices and are unable to access Google Classroom on any device at home, please let us know. Also if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Rooney