



## Stage 1 Learning from Home Update for Week 7

Dear Parents and Carers

Stage 1 students have been interacting very well online and the Stage 1 Teachers are incredibly proud of the positive and responsible manner in which students are completing their learning.

We have adjusted our activities this week to provide some tasks that can be done slightly more independently and we will continue to refine our approach as the term progresses. Please don't be overly concerned if your child still requires support, particularly when commencing tasks. Many children at this age require consistent teacher scaffolding and guidance when learning, which is particularly important when introducing new content. If there is anything that you require assistance with, please contact your child's teacher.

We are extremely grateful to the families who are assisting their child/ren at home and would like to remind them of the following:

- Take it one day at a time - It is OK if there are some days that you are unable to assist your child as much as you would like to. Just do what you can, when you can.
- Pick and choose - If your time is limited, select specific activities that you feel are achievable. Children in Stage 1 will not be penalised for not completing every single activity.
- Work flexibly- Although we provide some structure in the timetable, you can complete activities in any order that suits you and your family. Some families find it works for them to complete activities outside of regular school hours or complete them on the weekend. This is perfectly acceptable and your child will not be penalised for submitting work later than others in their class.
- Work towards submitting one piece of work a day - We ask for one piece of work a day, but if it suits you to submit this every few days or once a week, that is OK as well.
- Be aware of limitations - children at this age can have quite short attention spans at times. If you think that your child has had enough of a particular activity, give them a break or change activities.
- Take a break - Give your child plenty of opportunities to play in between tasks. A child's work is play, so don't underestimate the value of creative play.
- Encourage interaction on Google Classroom and Zoom - We are placing a few optional activities for students to participate in each day on Google Classroom and running a Zoom session once a week. To help your child remain connected to their class and fellow students, encourage them to participate in these simple activities.
- Ask for help - your child's classroom teacher is available to help you. The best way to contact them would be either by email to the school office or a private message on Google Classroom. If you use Google Classroom please go to the post of the current week's work and send your private message from there. This will assist the teacher in locating your message and responding to it.

Have a great weekend!

Ms M Thomas and the Stage 1 Teachers