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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Now that we have learned all of the Set One sounds in Read, Write, Inc, homework will take on a different form! Each week, I will send home a homework sheet, outlining **suggested** homework activities for you to do with your child. Please be aware that you are under no obligation to do any of the homework, but I am obliged to set it. Your child will not be penalised in any way for not doing the homework and I fully appreciate (as a working parent) that time is precious and in little supply!! In the past some parents have chosen to do bits and pieces, some choose to do everything. I will try to make the activities interesting and enjoyable as well as consolidating their learning. The tasks are designed to take no longer than 10 minutes each.

The activities will be an English focused activity, a Maths focused activity and then a PE related activity and 'Special News' book. Many of the activities will be online. I will send home login details for the Educationcity homework. I will also send home logins for 'Spelling Shed' if you wish to do this each week as an extra – again that is your choice – many of the children will not be ready for this just yet. The PE activity is for while we are in lockdown and it is winter and wet and cold and we are confined to where we can go and what we can do! The children really enjoy the BBC dance activities when I have done them in school and it is a way to keep active at home during lockdown (be aware that there is often partner work, so get ready to join in yourselves!)

The 'Special News' books can literally include anything! You can print and stick in photos of something that your child has done through the week, your child can draw a picture and write a sentence, you can write something yourself that I can read out. The sharing book is just for children to record anything that they want to share with their peers. Children love telling each other about their lives and sharing things that they have done, especially in the world that we are living in at the moment! It can be anything – a film they have watched, a walk they have been on, a family member's birthday, losing a tooth, learning to ride a bike, baking a cake ... Please bring these books into school on a Monday and I will send them back home to you on a Wednesday.

That is a lot of information! Your feedback is much appreciated. If you feel that there is too much homework, or too little, please provide feedback and I will amend it where necessary.

Thank you once again for your support,

Laura Storey

Mrs Laura Storey