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Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been a very busy first week of term as we all adapt to the latest lockdown.

I hope you are beginning to adjust to the home learning regime and the activities/lessons that are posted via Microsoft Teams or on Tapestry for Early Years. Despite a few technical issues and the inevitable teething problems we have been delighted with the positive feedback received from parents.

The staff are really enjoying 'seeing' the children and it is important that the children can still maintain the connection of being 'together' in class for the daily live sessions. It has been great to see the work/activities submitted. Please remember that you can do this through Teams for Years 1-6 and Tapestry for our Early Years. Our Microsoft Teams guide, which was sent out yesterday, will offer you further support on this and the document can also be found on the remote learning page under the classes tab on our website.

The teachers will give feedback on the assignments submitted and they will track engagement to see if support is required for those who are not accessing the material. We realise it may be challenging to follow the live lessons on some days but just ask that you keep up the effort to minimise any detrimental effect on your child's learning.

The daily live sessions will last for no more than 30 minutes. Please ensure that you go through the live lessons' expectations with your child/ren, as outlined below. The link for the lesson will usually be able to be seen in the calendar and you must not join until the start time for your session.

Children's live lesson expectations :

- Children need to be in a suitable location to have their live lesson
- TV is to be off and no other distractions e.g. phones around
- Children need to be wearing appropriate clothes (not onesies/pyjamas)
- Children need to remember behaviour boundaries and general online expectations – this includes being friendly, kind and polite in nature as they would be if talking in real-life
- Children not use the chat facility other than to respond to the teacher
- Children need to be on mute when entering the live lesson
- If you wish to ask/speak/answer then use the raise the hand button at the top of the screen
- Please ensure that following the live session you leave it

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Timetable for live sessions :

Class	Daily Times
<i>Minnows and Tiddlers</i>	10.00am and 1.30pm
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	11.00am and 2.45pm
<i>Seahorses</i>	11.00am and 2.45pm
<i>Stingrays</i>	9.15am and 3.00pm
<i>Sharks</i>	9.15am and 3.00pm

On Monday you will receive a weekly timetable to access the plan for your child each day. The classes' termly project activities will also be sent out to augment learning at home.

There are also some new PSHE resources from SCARF based on the unit – 'Keeping myself safe' under the PSHE and Well-being tab on the class pages, should you wish to have a look.

Remember you can use the homelearning@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk email address with any learning queries or if you need further support with remote learning from your child's class teacher (remember to put the class and child's name in subject line). Any general enquires can be directed to office.3065@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk

Please can those parents who order meals from Fresh Start make sure that communication from Fresh Start does not go to your spam/junk email folder. It appears that we are not always being copied in on their information and therefore have not been able to send out anything regarding the revised menu for next week. Please make sure that you have had confirmation from Fresh Start for the days you wish your child to have a meal, or send your child in with a packed lunch.

I am grateful that parents and carers, under difficult circumstances, are all doing such a wonderful job of supporting your child at home. As a team we thank you for your support as we navigate through this onerous time.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher

