

# East.Crompton St. George's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

We hope that your child/ren are enjoying being back in school. It is so lovely to see them all engaged in learning and settling well into their new classes. This letter explains some up to date information for you regarding learning both in school and from home.

## In School:

Over the Summer senior leaders from school along with other Trust staff created a 'prioritised learning' document. This focusses on the learning from the previous academic year that is paramount to support pupils in reaching age related expectations at the end of this academic year. Learning from this document is taking place through specific additional English and maths lessons every day in addition to the current years learning. This means that we have less time for some other subjects such as history, geography and art. As the year progresses we will be able to decrease the amount of time on prioritised learning and increase the time on the wider curriculum subjects. Our aim is to give your child every opportunity to achieve success.

## Homework:

Our homework policy was reviewed during school closure and we have written a new policy which allows for learning closely linked to what is taking place in school. One of the ways we have adapted our homework policy is to allow for 'recap' learning from previous years. This is something that current educational research and Ofsted rate as important in ensuring children retain knowledge and skills over time. Your child will be bringing home a 'Homework Takeaway Menu'. This breaks down homework into three sections – Starters/Mains/Sides and will run for half a term. **It is important that ALL children complete the work listed in the 'Mains' section of the takeaway.** The 'Starter' section offers opportunities to recap prior learning from previous years/terms and the 'Sides' offers opportunities to deepen knowledge within current learning. This allows, within reason, for you as a parent to decide how much homework your child can complete over a half term. The 'Homework Takeaway' should be kept in your child's home school reading record and brought in on a Monday and Thursday when they change their home reading book. Please initial work that has been completed so that the class teacher can see your child is completing the homework over the half term. Class teachers will request completed homework tasks to be brought in towards the end of the half term and a selection of projects will be

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displayed within school for others to see. In the coming week you will also be able to view an electronic version on class pages on our website.

- All children must complete the 'mains' section of homework over the half term.
- Completing 'starters' and 'sides' will enhance your child's learning.
- Parents should initial completed tasks.
- Completed projects to be brought in at the end of the half term – requested by teacher.

**Online Learning:**

By the end of this month we will have 'online learning' available for pupils who are self-isolating. This will enable your child to continue accessing learning which is linked to the learning taking place in class even if they are unable to attend school.

On your child's class page, on our website, you will find a table which breaks the half term down into weekly/daily slots. This will offer direct access to the Oak Academy Learning modules which have been linked specifically to the learning taking place in class during the week. This is not the same learning as in school but will support children in being able to learn the same concepts. Even if your child is not absent from school, you can use the links to support their learning further at home.

**Please be aware that this will not be live until later in the month!**

Kind regards,



Mrs R Ross

Head Teacher