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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am incredibly proud of the whole school community and I think we are all such a great support to each other. Currently we don't know exactly when or how schools are going to reopen partially or in full. I hear the information from government at the same time as you do. As it stands it won't be any earlier than 8th March. Decisions are sometimes made by government at short notice. We have been reassured that we will get 2 weeks notice. I will of course keep you updated. I know the news of having your children at home for longer will cause more anxieties for some families. Please do make contact with the school if you are worried or anxious.

#### **Positive cases w/b 25<sup>th</sup> January.**

We have had three positive cases this week. The close contacts have been informed.

#### **Lateral Flow Testing for staff**

We have started the lateral flow testing for staff this week. Staff are testing themselves at home twice a week. If the test result is positive then it will be confirmed by a PCR test. Whilst waiting for the result of the PCR test we will need to close the bubble of the positive member of staff. We will continue to communicate with you clearly and transparently. We will not be naming the positive member of staff but you will know if your child's bubble is affected.

#### **Bubbles of Critical Worker and Vulnerable children**

There are different reasons we have to close bubbles at short notice. One reason is if there is a positive case of covid in the bubble. Another reason is if the staffing level gets too low due to members of staff having to be at home to look after their own children who are self-isolating. As part of our risk assessment we are not moving staff between bubbles of children, so there is no room for staff to cover in other bubbles. We thank you for your understanding and patience when bubbles have to close at very short notice.

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## Remote learning - a message from Miss Balachandre, our English Lead.

### Online Reading – Reading Planet

We are pleased to announce that we now have access to an exciting new online reading resource. Reading Planet online offers books in a digital format so that your child can read books at home that support their phonics skills and encourage them to read for pleasure. The books in Reading Planet are designed to appeal to the tastes and interests of children who are starting to learn to read, as well as those who are becoming fluent readers. The books include a variety of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and plays, written by experienced educational and children's writers.



Your child's class teacher has allocated books to be read and will be able to track how your child is doing in the quizzes. More books will be allocated after half term, however if your child whizzes through the books please let their class teacher know.

Please refer to the reading letter that was sent to you last week for information about logging on. If you have any difficulties in using the resource, or need some support in getting started please contact your child's class teacher via the VLE messaging service or contact the school office.

Happy reading!

### Paper learning packs

Paper learning packs are available every week on a Monday afternoon. You don't need a paper pack if you are able to access the VLE.

### Half-term

We are closed to all children over half-term. This is from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

As more time goes on, things seem harder, but through clear communication and mutual support we can continue to work together to get through this difficult time.

Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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