

# LEARNING NEWS

**Maple Cross JMI and Nursery**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**Spring Term, Volume 3**

Remote learning is going from strength to strength. The dedication and passion from children, parents and teachers is remarkable. Well done everyone. Remind yourself of all the good things you have achieved.

You will have heard the PM announce plans to start opening schools from the 8<sup>th</sup>

March. At the moment we await details but we must remember this could change. We are desperate to get our learners back and as soon as we can do so safely, we will welcome each and every one of them.

Schools will be closed to all pupils over the February half term.

Next Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, all class teachers are undertaking whole school training. Remote learning will be uploaded onto the Google Classroom but there will be no live check-ins during the morning.

This week in assembly we have remembered Holocaust Memorial Day. Challenging children to think about discrimination is vital to ensuring we all play our part to create a more tolerant world. How as a family do you discuss challenging issues? Be brave and have discussions – the more we talk about these themes the more caring our young people will be.



We have also continued to reflect on our feelings and emotions during remote learning. The children are being challenged to be more and more independent. Just like in the classroom children are expected to try learning independently. Failure and making mistakes is something that should be acknowledged and celebrated. Please do allow your children to make mistakes.



## COVID:19

### Keeping our community safe

\*keep maintaining a 2m social distance with those outside your household.

\*Wear a mask where required.

\*Keep hand hygiene as a top priority – keep washing hands.

All adults working at Maple Cross will start lateral flow testing. This means all adults, test at home twice a week. This aims to reduce the need for adults to have to isolate, ensuring adults can be in school as needed.

#### School Reading Books

It is vital that all children continue to read aloud to an adult daily. This includes all children up to Year 6. Remember you can pop to school on Tuesday's and Fridays between 11.30 and 12.30 to swap books. Pop the books you have borrowed into the return box and a new book will be collected for you.

#### Skipping – KS1 & 2

Following the letter sent out yesterday please ensure you collect a skipping rope per family and your child uploads their score onto the Google

Classroom. Who can improve their personal best?

#### Monday art lessons

Please keep your children's art safe and secure. We will be displaying this when we return in a learning gallery.

#### Rickmansworth Library

Rickmansworth Library is OPEN! Please check their website or ring them directly. Books can be borrowed to ensure a passion for reading doesn't stop during this time.

#### Classroom Jungles on wheels!

Following our successful bid we have started to create our

classroom jungles! These moveable containers are full of large plants which will move between classrooms. This not only supports learning but is also very important for health and well-being.

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