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Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems as if we have been operating in this new way of working and learning for much longer than a week. I hope that you and your families are staying safe and managing to navigate your way through working from home/home schooling/your roles as key workers at this challenging time.

I know that many of you are well underway with home schooling and are eagerly awaiting the new materials for next week. Teachers have been busy preparing learning projects and we hope your children enjoy these. However, please remember that we are not asking you to recreate a school day with your children or replicate what our team of teachers and TAs can achieve.

We hope that, along with the challenges of balancing your own work and home schooling, there will be some lovely opportunities for you to share stories and poems with your children, bake/cook, draw pictures, play board games, learn new card games, do a puzzle, build a Lego model and provide those 1-1 moments that can be trickier in a school environment. That all counts as learning even if it isn't mentioned on our learning project sheets. We know that everyone is doing their best.

We know that your children will be missing their regular contact with friends and other family members and they will be managing all kinds of emotions at the moment. This situation is taking its toll on everyone and when we look back, we will remember how we felt, not which learning activities we were doing. The work we are providing is to help and support your child's learning journey but please don't feel pressured into a particular timetable or worry if your child doesn't complete it all. You will find, on the learning projects, that there are references to mindfulness activities and links to resources that may be helpful to promote positive mental health. This will be a regular feature. You will also find a COVID-19 support page on the school website with links to resources you may find helpful.

We will do everything we can to support you. On Monday, we will send our communication plan so that you can start sharing your children's learning with their teachers (if you would like to) and get feedback – maintaining that contact will be so important. We have created a FAQs sheet that we have saved on the website on the remote learning page and will keep updating – I would be grateful if you could check to see if your answer is there before asking the team.

I have included some prayers below which you may choose to share with your family. Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Best wishes,

Mrs C Luce

I can pray a rainbow...

Genesis 9 v 13

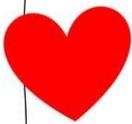
"I am putting my rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the agreement between me and the earth"



God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never again send a flood like the one that Noah had survived in the ark. Today the rainbow is a symbol of hope for us, a reminder that God keeps his promises. Here are some rainbow inspired activities for you and your family to explore together.

Rainbow prayer hunt

Go on a search around your house and try to find something of each of the colours below. Here is a prayer you can say for each colour as you find them.



RED

Thank you, God, that you love us and that you are always with us.



ORANGE

Dear God, please help us to be patient, to wait and listen to you and to be obedient while we wait for this crisis to end.



YELLOW

Dear God, please help all those who are scared. May they know your perfect peace that takes away all fear.

GREEN

Dear God, please look after all those who are sick, give them the treatment and help they need to recover, send your healing power into all the world.



BLUE

Dear God, please protect all those who are working for our emergency services, thank you for all they are doing to protect us.



PURPLE

Thank you, God, that we are children of the King of Kings. Thank you that even though we are in difficult times we can trust in you and pray your Kingdom come.



PINK

Thank you, God, that we know you will bring us through this crisis to safety on the other side just as you protected Noah and brought him and his family through the flood.



Make an encouragement rainbow

You will need: Paper and pens or any other craft materials you have around the house

All around the country people are putting rainbows in their windows to encourage people in their street.

Use whatever craft materials you have in your house to decorate a rainbow and put it in your window where your neighbours can see it.



Some promises to share

Here are some more of God's promises from the Bible. Ask God who needs encouraging today and then send them a promise verse.

Joshua 1:9- Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid because the LORD your God will be with you everywhere you go.

Jeremiah 29:11 – "I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the LORD, "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."

Mark 11:24 – So I tell you to believe that you have received the things you ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you.

Romans 8:28 – We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.

