



4th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Theme Week – ‘Feeling Good Week’

As you know from Mrs Barton's recent update letter, next week we will be holding a 'Feeling Good Week' as our theme week for this term. We always run a theme week in school, but this is the first time we have tried to do one that also works remotely for those children who are learning from home.

At Camp School we know that looking after our wellbeing and mental health is really important. This is especially the case right now. The aim of this week is to provide activities and learning for the children based around the 5 ways to wellbeing – Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Give and Keep Learning. We hope that the lessons we have all planned will allow the children to experience and enjoy lots of different ways to support their wellbeing. We will launch the week on the Monday morning and have a closing event on the Friday afternoon, sharing the learning from across the week.

We will start each day with a Google Meet at the usual time for children in Years 1 – 6. The teachers will outline the work for that day and post any videos and instructions in the usual manner. Children can then turn work in and attach a photograph or video of what they have completed. Teachers will continue to respond to work submitted in Google classroom. For children in Nursery and Reception work will be posted on Tapestry and Google Meets will happen as usual.

Although the work will be set on-line, many of the sessions will then be completed away from the screen. We hope that you will support and encourage the children to take their time in completing the activities, and to enjoy having the opportunity to become absorbed in the tasks. All the activities have been planned so they can be completed by children from Early Years to Year 6 and we hope that siblings will enjoy the opportunity to work together on the planned sessions.

Some families may also want to maintain a focus on maths and English learning throughout the theme week to embed some key skills recently covered. If so, we would encourage you to use many of the on-line resources that can support with this including: Purple Mash and the online library Serial Mash, Times Table Rock Stars and Oxford Owls. Our reading book and Library service will also continue to be available during the week. Other options for further extension include Oak Academy or BBC bite-size lessons and teachers can provide suggestions for individual children if requested.

A theme week will often require specific resources for the sessions. We wanted to support you with this and have prepared a resource pack for each family. This contains a number of items you will need across the week, including some ingredients for the D & T activities. We have also printed out any instructions that we think you may need to refer to and put these together in a booklet for you. We ask please if you could possibly come up to school on Friday afternoon (between 1pm and 3pm) to collect your pack so that you have it at home ready for Monday morning. If you cannot do this then please let us know and, if we can, we will try and get the pack to you. If children are in school on a Monday, as part of the key worker provision, then we will keep their pack at school ready for them to use.

We are also very grateful to the parents who came forward and offered their help and support. We have 2 whole school disco dance sessions to look forward to in which parent participation is actively encouraged! We also have parents running sessions for individual year groups across the week. Thank you so much to those parents for your ideas and support.

We hope the children will really enjoy and benefit from the week and a change of focus.

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