Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to update you in relation to the ‘Home Learning’ work that we have prepared for the pupils for after the Easter break. The teachers have been very busy preparing lots of ‘home learning’ activities that they think the children will really enjoy.

We have recently launched our new school website. If you go to the ‘Classes’ tab then click on your child’s class, you will see a ‘Home learning’ tab at the top of the page. If you click on the ‘Home learning’ tab you will find a message to parents, links to useful websites and other learning activities for your child to complete. You will also find links to the following learning platforms:

- TT Rock stars (Y2-Y6) (your child should already have log-in details)
- Spelling Shed (Rec to Y6) (your child should already have log-in details)
- Purple Mash (Rec to Y6) (your child should already have log-in details)
- First News (Y2-Y6) (your child HAS NOT yet received log-in details)
- Seesaw (Rec to Y6) (your child HAS NOT yet received log-in details)

Our new Seesaw app
As from Monday 20th April, your child will be able to access a new app called Seesaw. Once they have logged onto Seesaw, they will be able to access a range of learning tasks/activities. They can complete the tasks online by adding text, drawings, photos or videos. They will also be able to upload photos of their completed work (for example, if they produce a piece of writing/artwork or make a model).

The teachers will not be able to respond to every single piece of work due to the large quantity of work being completed by all pupils. However, class teachers will monitor usage and will respond to the whole class on a weekly basis.

NB: Any inappropriate usage of the Seesaw app will be dealt with accordingly. If any inappropriate material is posted or uploaded by a pupil, this would be reported to parents immediately and reported to the relevant authorities if necessary.

In order for your child to use the Seesaw learning platform, we need parental permission. We also need parents/carers to agree to the ‘Acceptable Usage Agreement’. This is to ensure that pupils and parents are staying safe online.
The Seesaw permission slip and ‘Acceptable User Agreement’ will be added onto our new School Spider App so that parents can give their permission electronically. Please access this new survey on your School Spider App. If you have not yet logged onto the new Spider App, you need to do this as a matter of urgency. This will be the school’s only form of communication from now on.

Once we have received parental permission, we will post out to you your child’s personal log-in details for their Seesaw account. When you first log-on, all parents should watch the video led by Mr P. This will explain how you can safely use the Seesaw app.

NB: You will be able to log onto Seesaw as soon as you have received your log-on details via the post. You can log on before Monday April 20th. However, the only content available before then will be a letter from the school and the Mr P video for you to watch.

Please do not message the class teachers via the Seesaw app. If you have any queries, please contact school via the usual school enquiries e-mail address.

Please refer to the Seesaw ‘Acceptable User Agreement’ below:

**Seesaw Acceptable Usage agreement**

Only teachers or school administrators will be responsible for creating a class on Seesaw. Individual pupil accounts will be monitored by school staff.

In addition, it is expected that when you agree to your child using Seesaw, you will adhere to the following:

- Pupils must only use Seesaw as part of their home or school learning.
- Pupils must not share their work or advertise their work or anything to do with the school name on social media platforms.
- Parents and pupils will use Seesaw only for lawful purposes.
- Pupils and parents will treat Seesaw as an extension of the classroom and take reasonable steps to ensure that pupils are using Seesaw appropriately.
- School will take reasonable measures to protect access to information contained in pupil journals and class journals.
- Pupils will be expected to protect their own individual QR code and 12 digit log ins and not share them with anybody else in any way.
- Pupils using inappropriate language or sending content that is also deemed to be inappropriate will have their accounts suspended and action will be taken accordingly. Inappropriate material will be reported to the relevant authorities.
- Seesaw has a flagging system where school is alerted of inappropriate usage.
- Content uploaded will only be viewed by school staff and nothing will be shared.
• Parents will check any links to ‘YouTube’ videos before they are played in case individual settings on computing devices are set differently to those at Lowton West.

• Parents will check the tasks on Seesaw and supervise their child when a task requires adult supervision.

• Parents will supervise children if they are using the internet to complete a task – in order to ensure that pupils are safe online.

First News (Years 2 to 6):
When we post out your Seesaw log-in details, we will also include new log-in details for your child to use another new learning platform called ‘First News’. This is for pupils in Years 2 up to Year 6. It is a reading learning platform and will enable your child to read extracts/articles then answer comprehension questions about the text that they have read.

We will constantly be reviewing our ‘home learning’ provision and adding more activities for pupils/parents to complete at home.

If any parents are unable to access the on-line resources, please contact school so that we can provide alternative ‘home learning’ resources.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Westhead
Headteacher