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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of our children on the TEAMS meetings this week. Many thanks for the positive feedback we have received- the children have really enjoyed the sessions. Thank you too for returning your acceptance agreements so quickly. This enabled us to move the pilot forward at quite a pace. By the end of this week, all pupils in Marshfield had the opportunity to meet their teacher on the TEAMS platform. **Please ring or email the school if you are experiencing technical or connectivity problems at home and we will do our best to help.**

## Home Learning Update

As a school, we are very mindful of the varying circumstances of all of our families. The current situation is very complex but we are doing our very best to provide a varied, flexible and multi-faceted home learning offer that will suit all of our community.

During extended periods of lockdown, we have always placed a high level of importance on children being able to continue to connect with their teachers. Seeing their faces and hearing their voices is in itself motivation for the children to complete the tasks that have been set.

We have continued to review and extend learning opportunities for pupils. Once again, we cannot stress enough that whatever you can manage we very much appreciate.

## Work packs

In previous lockdowns, we have also distributed a pack to all pupils. We are currently in the process of compiling further 'hard copy' materials to pupils.

We are hopeful that these will provide families with further flexibility. They should be with you in the next week. If you do not need a pack please let the class teacher know via Seesaw. Much of the work in these packs can be completed independently and will enable children to have a breather from screen time.



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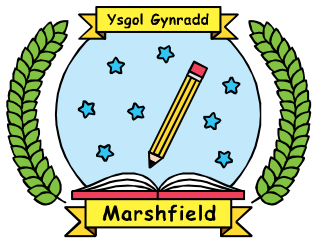
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## Overview

What it is?	How and when will I receive it? Which platform?	How often?	Purpose
A detailed overview of the teaching opportunities for the week	Every Monday  Platform: SeeSaw (N-Y6) Teams (Y4-Y6)	Every week at the beginning of the week.	This provides both parents and pupils with a visual 'Walk through,' of the week ahead. It will outline the key learning objectives for Literacy, Numeracy and Thematic tasks. This will also signpost additional resources and websites that pupils can access at home.
Pre-recorded instructional clips.	Every day  Platform: SeeSaw (N-Y3) Microsoft TEAMS (Y4-Y6)	2 clips every day via.... 1 Numeracy/ mathematics 1 Literacy/ thematic work (1 clip for nursery)	These provide guidance and support and enable pupils to repeat content to reinforce methods/expectations/important aspects of learning.
Tailored Feedback	Throughout the day  Platform: SeeSaw (N-Y6) Microsoft TEAMS (Y4-Y6)	Bespoke comments in response to pupil work. Personalised, 1:1 approach	All pupils will be provided with written feedback to work completed. This may be in the form of a detailed response or a simple compliment, depending on the task itself. Numeracy feedback may also include access to an answer sheet to enable pupils to self-assess.
Bespoke support via Seesaw	Throughout the day  Platform: SeeSaw (N-Y6)	Varies depending on number of requests.	Depending on request, this may involve solving IT issues, giving feedback on pupils work that has been sent through SeeSaw, additional explanations on how to complete a task, sending over documents parents request or ask for etc.
TEAMS collaborations (Year 4,5 & 6)	Through office 365 documents such as ppt, word, Excel and publisher as appropriate  Platform: Microsoft TEAMS (Y4-Y6).	As opportunities arise.	Programs such as Microsoft Word, Publisher as well as PPTs offer the children the opportunity to share their work with the class teacher and their peers. They can work collaboratively on a document and peer assess work.
Live Streaming sessions	Year 3,4,5 & 6 twice a week. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 once a week.  Platform: Microsoft TEAMS (N-Y6)	Year 3,4,5 & 6 twice a week. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 once a week.	These allow pupils to connect with their classmates and their teacher. The content primarily will focus on wellbeing. Teachers will provide encouragement and support. Live streaming sessions help to increase motivation. As these develop they will be used to alleviate misconceptions in learning or to model ways forward etc.



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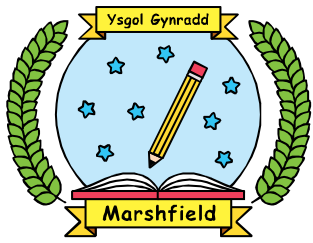
	Please see further information regarding live sessions below		
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## Live streaming sessions via TEAMS

For your convenience below is a timetabled of scheduled TEAMS meetings for pupils. We have taken care to ensure that none of these sessions clash- especially important if you have several children. The meetings are also limited in size to give children a greater opportunity to become involved in the sessions. For safeguarding reasons, each session will include the class teacher and a member of the support staff.

Timetable for Teams Sessions with Class Teachers				
Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Fridays	Monday and Wednesday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday	Monday & Thursday
Group 1: 9.30am Group 2: 10am Group 3: 10.30am Group 4: 11am* (*nursery only)	<u>3DW</u> Group 1: 9.30am Group 2: 10am  <u>3JAD/JH</u> Group 1: 1pm Group 2: 1.30pm	Group 1: 11am  Group 2: 11.30am	Group 1: 9.30am  Group 2: 10am	Group 1: 10.30am  Group 2: 11am

Could you please take some time with your children to discuss the following expectations for live streaming sessions.



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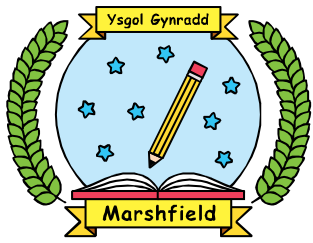


## Tips/expectations for parents when using live streaming

- ✓ Ensure children are ready for each session. If you have them, the wearing of headphones should be encouraged
- ✓ Allow children to work in a suitable environment as far as is possible
- ✓ Not to interrupt sessions at any time
- ✓ Respect the privacy and confidentiality of all pupils and staff in the sessions.
- ✓ Ensure that any devices being used by learners are not used inappropriately at any time
- ✓ Not to record or share any images or sound from the sessions taking place

## PFA News

*The PFA team would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for all of your support last year. It was definitely a very different year in terms of fundraising but we managed to raise a fantastic amount of money and we were also donated £2500 by Lloyd's bank match fund scheme. Thank you to the employees of Lloyd's who made this happen for us.*



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*If your employer has a community fund / match fund scheme and you are able to apply for our charity then please let us know.*

*At the end of last term the PFA were able to donate a huge £7500 to the school. The PFA and the school would like to seek your views on what the money should be spent on. We have a few ideas of equipment the school need. In the next few weeks we will send out a link to a questionnaire in relation to this.*

*In the meantime, please take care and stay safe.*

*Jo Healan and the PFA team*

I thank you all once again for your continued support during this time.  
Kind Regards,  
Mrs L.J. Lewis and the Marshfield Team.