



Update: 21.04.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful 'Easter break' and welcome to our very first remote summer term and day 12 of homeschooling!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment - we're here for you every step of the way. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by:

- **Class Dojo** - If your child has any questions, or is 'stuck' with anything they can **Dojo their teacher** during school hours
- **Email** - If you have any general 'home learning' questions you can **email Mrs Kym Robson** k.reacher200@durhamlearning.net
- **Ring** - If you have any other questions, or need support in any way, you can contact either **Mrs Gowland or Mrs Bentham in school on 0191 3882483**

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with remote working for all children and provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers in school.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on:

- Class **Dojo** – weekly projects & activities set by your child's teacher
- **'Twinkl'** for those of you who want to follow a daily timetable with linked activities – the home learning section is free & covers the curriculum your child would have been covering in the Summer Term
- Follow us on **Twitter**, either directly **#cestriaprimary1** or on our website homepage – lots of sharing of ideas & children's work!
- From Monday 20th April the BBC launched a brilliant new home learning channel where the children can access regular daily lessons in English and maths as well as other core subjects – checkout **BBC Bitesize**

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sharing via Twitter or Class Dojo.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Let's get cracking with our summer term!

Kind regards,

Lorraine Gowland