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Dear Parent/Carers,

### **Re: New Home Learning Resources**

We are pleased to be launching our new and improved 'Online Home Learning' resources which will go live on Monday 1st June 2020.

To match learning resources to children's age group and ensure they are easier to find, teachers have created a class website for each of their classes. Here you will find all the resources children love to use e.g. Times Table Rock Stars, Bug Club etc. and also many more resources that are excellent for supporting learning at home.

### **How to Access**

1. Go to the '**Learning Zone**' tab on our school website
2. Click on '**Class Websites (NEW)**' in the drop-down menu
3. You will also notice Music, Geography & Science which you can access to find great resources in these subjects.

**We will no longer be using DB Primary.** Daily learning tasks that teachers have been setting during this time will now be posted on **Google Classroom**.

### **Google Classroom**

**Google Classroom can be accessed via their class website.** To make this switch-over as simple as it can be for children they can use the **same login details as they did for DB Primary**.

Benefits of using Google Classroom:

- ✓ **Fully compatible with mobile devices, iPads & tablets.** We recommend downloading the '**Google Classroom App**' to make it easier & receive notifications.
- ✓ Live stream for children to **safely communicate with their teachers and friends**.
- ✓ Children who do not have access to Microsoft Word at home can still access learning by using Google's free version.
- ✓ Google Classroom just needs the internet to be accessed. Children do not need a computer or laptop with storage to save their work. With their Google account, they will also have **free cloud storage**.
- ✓ Work can be handed in online and then straight in to a teacher's mark book. It can be marked and returned with specific comments.
- ✓ Teachers can give children specific criteria so they know how to be successful in their tasks. With this they can earn points.
- ✓ Children and teachers can **work collaboratively** on learning.
- ✓ In time, we will be able to hold online circle time sessions so that children can **see and talk to their teachers and friends**.
- ✓ By using Google applications, we are ensuring that children are given the best opportunities to be successful in the digital world. The skills they will use via this platform will be transferable to many other online platforms.
- ✓ If children have any worries or concerns, they can tell their teacher via the online '**Worry Button**'.

## **Nursery & Reception Pupils**

Nursery & Reception also have their very own class websites which are filled with lots of great resources for younger children. They are also able to access Google Classroom where their teachers have set daily/weekly tasks. We understand that this will take time for them to learn and become familiar with. Do not worry if they are not able to complete tasks straight away. It might be useful for younger children to complete their learning on paper which you can then submit for them on to Google Classroom by taking a photo. Here is a short video to help you do this with the Google Classroom App:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCIWMZDhRik>

## **Support & Guidance Available**

As with anything new, we expect there may be some initial challenges accessing this from home, but as always, we are here to help you through this process. Should you have any questions or need support, please contact **Mrs Magan** at **office@woodlands.ealing.sch.uk** or by sending a message to our school messaging service on **0203 389 9069**. We will aim to get back to you as soon as possible whether this be by email, text or a phone call.

## **Next Steps**

Please speak to your children about this change which they will notice from Monday. We understand that there will be some time needed to transition and we will be here to help them along the way. We welcome your feedback and suggestions to further improve our home learning.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting children's learning at home throughout this challenging time. Thank you to our teachers who have been busy creating our fantastic new and improved class websites. I am sure you will agree they look great!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Magan  
Assistant Headteacher for Teaching & Learning