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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully this is the last week of blended learning before school reopens to all pupils. I imagine that some of you may be tempted to give up on home learning especially as the sun is doing its best to lift our spirits and tempt us outside. So here is your weekly motivational message reminding you to keep going with Seesaw, keep reading and keep 'Zooming' because you are protecting the most precious gift of education. You have done a brilliant job so far and your children are a credit to you. I would also like to thank the children who have been in school during lockdown. They have worked incredibly hard and have shown maturity beyond their years when faced with disruption to school routines. The calm attitude of these pupils has enabled front line workers to do essential jobs.

The teachers are always looking for 100% take up of the lessons on the learning platform. Every week we collect the data and we always hit the nineties so wouldn't it be great if the final week could be the record-breaker? The core subjects, as the name suggests, are the most important lessons but it is always best to do the full curriculum offered. Keeping up with music and PE helps to maintain a sense of wellbeing. We have tried to make these activities as simple as possible knowing that you are juggling competing demands at home. The variety of lessons will also help your child to get back into the routine of the full school day, ready for return on Monday 8th March. It won't be easy but it will be worthwhile!

This week we have stories, competitions, craft activities and extra Zooms for World Book Day so please encourage your child to get involved. It is a brilliant day and we are determined to go ahead and ensure the the children have fun. We also have the Year Group Zooms on Monday and the Collective Worship Zoom on Tuesday; helping your child to feel connected and reminding them of the routines they will return to next week.

When we do return, it is National Science Week so take a little time this week to prepare by thinking of the science all around us. You can't go wrong when talking about science with your child. Just listen to their questions and be comfortable with not knowing all the answers - that's what science is all about.

One more week...

Best wishes,

Mrs Galloway

