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## Remote Learning

To all our SMJ parents and carers,

Thank you so much to everybody who managed to complete the online learning survey we sent out earlier this week. The quality of feedback we gathered was excellent and really helpful. We are thrilled that so many of you are finding the online learning accessible and that so many of our pupils are engaging with it. We will continue to offer support in a variety of ways, so that all our pupils can continue their learning journey until we can all return to SMJ together.

Resulting from some of the specific feedback we received, we will be making the following changes, starting from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January:

- Videos and tasks will be shared online the evening before (e.g. Tuesday's videos/ tasks will be available online from 6pm Monday evening.)
- Only the previous day and current day's activities will be visible online – all other activities from before will be removed, so you can clearly see what needs to be completed. Having the day before's activities may help if you missed something that is important to the current day's learning. (This does not affect Year 3 at the moment, as you don't use the assignment facility.)
- Work can be sent to your child's portfolio at any time. The teacher who is monitoring online learning will be checking Class Dojo throughout the day and will endeavour to respond to work as quickly as possible. Wherever possible, please send in work as it is completed – this removes the difficulties of 30 x 3 or 4 pieces of work all being handed in at 3pm.
- Paper copies can be made available on a Monday morning – we are really trying to be as environmentally friendly as we can – so if you would like a paper copy please message your child's class teacher or Mrs Broomhead who will ensure one is ready to be collected.

We have also decided on a whole school reward system which you may like to make your child aware of. This was reviewed after feedback from pupils and parents/carers.

- For every piece of work submitted children will be rewarded with a dojo point.
- Extra dojo points may be awarded for pieces of work that show maximum effort, great skill or going above and beyond in their learning journey.

- When a child reaches 50 dojo points they will receive a postcard from their teacher in the post.
- When a child reaches 75 dojo points they will receive a video or photo of their teacher leaving a small treat in their school tray for when they return to school.
- When a child reaches 100 dojo points they will be entitled to an afternoon of Golden Time! This means they can choose (with their adult) what they wish to do that afternoon and have an afternoon 'off timetable'.

I know that many parents/carers are trying to navigate working from home alongside their child's learning; I hope these changes will help to make the online learning journey easier for some of you.

As always, if there are further ways we could provide support for you then please do contact us.

Keep smiling and stay safe.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Anderson