



# Sheerness West Federation Week Ahead 1 February 2021



## Federation Message from Mr Cooper ...

Thank you once again, to all the parents who have had their children at home for all their help, patience and perseverance with home learning this week, it is clear that so many of the children are doing amazingly well as a result. Well done everyone on another successful week completed!

It's lovely to see all the effort the teachers and children are continuing to make in their work on ClassDojo and hearing about those of you completing home learning packs too! We know how hard it is to keep motivated and the teachers are working extremely hard to keep engagement high on Dojo and the children are responding brilliantly! Thank you to all the teachers, teaching assistants and children!!!

Most important reminder:

- **Children should watch the video clips in the morning before attempting to do the tasks set.**  
**These have the teachers explaining what the children need to do, so it will really help them to understand the tasks and give them a sense of connection with the school and familiar staff, and make it clear that this is what they are expected to do each day.**
- There is also a story/class novel for them to watch and listen to every day too.
- Please make sure they all do this each day to the best of their and your ability. Thank you.

A few other reminders for those at home:

- ALL children do need to be completing the work set to the best of their ability each day.
- If we can help with devices or the technology let us know by contacting the school office (We are working on the next set of devices to make available as soon as possible.)
- Use Class Dojo for support with the home learning, your child can contact the teaching staff in this way.
- Don't forget you might get a phone call on a Friday from your child's teacher or another staff member as we strive to ensure all our children and families are engaged and supported. This may well be from home, so if you will see **No Caller ID** appear it is probably school calling...so please answer and hang up if not! Thank you.

For those coming into school:

- Please all note our suggestion that you **go to the local lateral flow mass testing centre and get your child (aged 5 years old to 11 years old) tested before they come to school and preferably every 14 days.** Obviously let us know via class dojo if you were to test positive. This means that school can be as safe as possible.

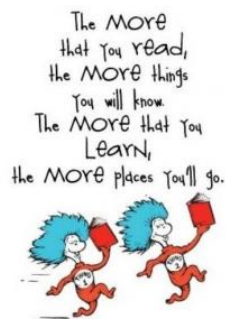
For all parents:

- Those in receipt of Free School Meals should now be receiving their vouchers via email on a weekly basis, please contact the office if you have any issues.
- Thank you all for your ongoing help and support too. Stay safe.

Message for the children from Miss Ovenden and Mrs Mackay

Well done to all of you who have worked through your learning tasks again this week, in school and at home! You are doing wonderfully, and we hope you are enjoying it. **You might get a postcard home from school telling you how much we are enjoying seeing your wonderful work too!** If you are struggling with anything, please ask your teacher for help. Do not panic if something is tricky or you feel like there is too much to do some days- different people will struggle with different things. If you are worried, talk to your teachers and let them know how you are doing.

One key area of learning that we are going to be developing next week is reading. Reading is the most essential skill as it opens up opportunities for learning in all areas. To help with this at home we have upgraded our subscription to Oxford Owls which will allow you access to more books and activities. Over the course of next week you should receive details on how you can access this exciting catalogue of reading materials. Another step we are taking is rolling out our hugely popular Accelerated Reader for home use too. This will allow you to quiz your child after they have finished a book to see if they can recall what they have read. This is going to be completed slightly differently, in that we will not use the levels to determine what book they need to read, like we do in school, but instead read for pleasure and then when the children return to school we will complete a Star Reader Test to see what level they are reading at then.



Remember it is also really important to take daily exercise, eat healthily and do fun things too. Maybe take part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch for an hour any time from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> February. We would love to hear about what you see, not just the birds, but any wildlife you see in your garden or whilst out on a walk. **Also, keep an eye out for our mindfulness activities on ClassDojo.**

**On Monday there will be an opportunity for you to take part in the KM 'My Mum' drawing task, please check the school story on ClassDojo and Facebook for details.**

Have a lovely weekend, be good for your parents please and stay safe 😊!

This week's letters/emails sent and on our website (<http://www.rose-street.kent.sch.uk/>) and (<http://www.west-minster.kent.sch.uk/>) were:

Critical workers surveys letter (Published 25.1.21)

Confirming Critical worker places and update (Published 28.1.21)

## This week's Dates for your diary:

### Future Dates

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Number Day (WM)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February new survey for parents to update us regarding days required for the first two weeks after half term.
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Start of Term 4
- Term 3 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March World book day (both schools)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week

