



# Sheerness West Federation Week Ahead 8 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, just one more week till half term, where you can all have a break from home feeling like school...and I recommend a break from staring at screens too!

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! It is really positive to know that so many of the children have continued to make progress in their learning despite not being in school in the normal way...and hopefully it won't be too long after half term before the children return again.

This week is 'Children's Mental Health' week, but it is important that we all continue to focus on our mental health as the longer that this goes on, the harder it can feel for many. Whether you're concerned about yourself or a loved one, these mental health charities, organisations and support groups can offer expert advice - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

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 still have some available so do ask.
- Use Class Dojo for support with the home learning, your child can contact the teaching staff in this way.

For those coming into school:

- On Monday we will be sending home the survey to collect revised days for existing children attending after half term. **Please only complete this if your child is already attending 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. The staff are all completing self-tests twice a week. This combination of tests means that school can be even safer.
- Thank you all for your ongoing help and support too. Stay safe.

## Message for the children from Miss Ovenden and Mrs Mackay

This week the weather has started to change and we have had some bright sunshine peeping through the clouds; it is starting to feel like nature is getting ready to spring back and that is what we have been doing in school this week too. We are beginning to make preparations to welcome you all back as soon as we have been told we are allowed to.

This week has been mental health week in school. Everybody has mental health this is the same concept as physical health; sometimes you feel good and other times you can feel not so good and we have been looking at how we can support our mental health positively. There has been a range of activities happening in the classroom and ClassDojo, like understanding our feelings, learning how to support ourselves when we do not feel so great, finding out about scenarios that impact on our mental health negatively and how we can get support and support others.

This week we have also started some new projects. On Fridays we will encourage everyone, children and staff to move away from screens, to give our eyes a break and find other methods to keep us entertained.

We will also be sending home positive postcards – these will come from anyone in the school that wants to recognise how well a child is doing during this time.

Teachers will also continue to make contact through ClassDojo or phone calls home this week to families we have not heard from for a while, this is to check that everything is going okay and if we can offer any support – please do ask if you need anything.

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:

No screen Friday afternoon announced (Published 04.02.21)

My Mum information from the KM group (Published 02.02.21)

## This week's Dates for your diary:

### Future Dates

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February new survey for parents to update us regarding days required for the first two weeks after half term.
- 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