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April Update- Home Learning Activities

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be patient with us as we navigate this new way of learning. We will keep you updated as and when things change. For now...

We have a designated '**Home learning**' page on the school website. Please refer to this for important updates, letters, ideas for additional home learning activities and links to useful websites.

Foundation Phase

All children were given a home learning pack to take home. This work can begin on the 20th April. Children can also upload photos of anything else they have been doing at home on their designated home learning Seesaw account; from baking to crafting. The classroom teachers will also use Seesaw to interact with the children in different ways including the use of videos and messages.

Key Stage Two

Starting on the 20th April, each class teacher will upload a 'topic web' of ideas for home learning activities. These will be similar to the kind of tasks that children would usually complete in the classroom. There is also a maths pack, Welsh work, spellings and handwriting. Children can either work on these tasks at home on paper or online through the Google Classroom/ or on their designated home learning Seesaw account. Teachers will be available to respond to submitted work or questions daily during normal school hours (9am-3pm). **Activities will be updated every two weeks.** Our suggestion is that children complete one 'topic' or English activity a day alongside some maths/spelling/Welsh practice.

With regards to your child's learning, there are no hard and fast rules with regards to completing everything within a few days and we hope you and your child can be as creative as possible when it comes to doing the tasks set. However, during this period please take time to play with your children and exercise.

We will be keeping in close contact with you at this testing time through Facebook, emails and the school website. So please make sure that you are familiar with our sites.

We would just like to say a heartfelt thank you for your understanding at this difficult time and we all look forward to the day when our school family can once again be united.

Take care and stay well,
All the staff at St Mary's School