

**Dartmoor**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



# Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

A small school, learning together in the local community

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear parent/ carer,

We are now half way through this side of the spring term and it has been so inspiring to see all the remote learning posted on Class Dojo. I hope that you are able to balance wellbeing and spending time with your family with the home learning and understand that it can be difficult juggling working from home with educating your child. It is clear that there are many of you working so hard with your child(ren) to keep up the high quality remote learning. Our approach will always be 'do what you can' and we will continue to plan engaging and inspiring learning that aims to motivate your child to learn. Keep an eye out for this week's Celebration of Home Learning assembly video on Dojo for a real taste of what the children Lydford Primary have been producing this week! Keep up the excellent work!

I want to thank each and every one of you who are able to keep your child(ren) at home. This has allowed us to prioritise places in school for those children who really need it and limit contacts for children and staff. The latest guidance from Devon echoes the government's change of stance for schools – if you can keep your child at home then you must do so. For more information on Coronavirus advice in Devon, visit [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice for people and businesses in Devon](#)

I would also like to signpost you to this Public health and NHS joint appeal to stay at home: You can watch the video here - <https://www.devonnewscentre.info/public-health-and-nhs-issue-joint-appeal-after-devon-covid-19-cases-reach-record-high/>

## **Wellbeing - Support is available**

The wellbeing and positive mental health of our staff, pupils, parents and communities is crucial at this time. Things are tough for us all at the moment but nobody needs to feel alone or isolated – there is support out there. If you need to talk things through, there is help available. In school we may be able to signpost you to support.

As a Trust, please refer to the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust website which summarises the different avenues of support available, from digital devices, to Domestic Abuse and Bereavement - <https://www.dartmoorat.org.uk/news-and-views.html>

Here is a government link for data increase for some disadvantaged families- <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

Remember, you are not alone and help is at hand.

## Remote learning

Parent views matter to us at Lydford Primary. Please follow the link below to complete a **parent survey** on remote learning. We want to get it right for you and your feedback will enable us to do this successfully. Thank you for your support.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KkQ2QP3PDUmrCDk9U5Uv-DUSTNS5wYVHoRRFzOHITWhUREIKUEROMUhPQ1hUQ0hCSDZCTUFQOU0yMC4u>

## OUR REMOTE LEARNING OFFER

At Lydford Primary, despite school remaining closed, except to children of critical workers and vulnerable learners, the education for our pupils has continued thanks to the hard work and resilience of staff and parents in our community.

Since the last lockdown in March, we have strived to improve both our online provision as well as students' access to it, to ensure our students remain fully engaged with their education throughout this lockdown.

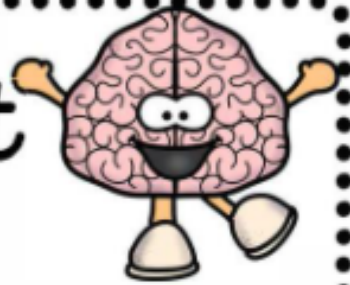
- Staff are planning a broad and balanced curriculum, delivered through digital technologies and asynchronous methods (prepared by the teacher and accessed later by the pupil) with some synchronous methods ('live lessons').
- Our remote curriculum is designed to engage the children and make learning accessible as well as attainable for parents at home.
- Our remote curriculum is posted to parents and children on Class Dojo – an easy platform to access and navigate.
- We are using Zoom more frequently to encourage 'live' class catch ups so that children have a chance to check in with their teacher and friends.
- Staff feedback on pupil learning through the Class Dojo 'portfolio' section – offering support where necessary.
- We work with parents and carers, without putting unreasonable burden on them with a 'do what you can' approach to help support home learning.
- We are providing digital devices to all disadvantaged students to help them access remote learning and are working extremely hard to ensure every child can access their education.
- We use whole school digital assemblies and feedback to pupils and parents to help them feel part of the community even when learning remotely.

Finally, things might get tough and children may be lacking the normal way of life that allows them to grow and develop. Try using the following growth mindset affirmations to help them to know that mistakes are OK and we are all being brave by getting through this time.

Keep safe and together this weekend,

Mrs Petersen

# GROWTH MINDset



## Affirmations



1. My brain can LEARN new things.
2. My brain is always GROWING.
3. I can speak to myself with KINDNESS.
4. It takes TIME to learn new skills.
5. I can ask for HELP.
6. When I'm frustrated I will KEEP BREATHING
7. Making MISTAKES is okay and helps me learn.
8. I am BRAVE.
9. I am one of a kind – my brain is UNIQUE.
10. I am loved just for BEING ME!



## Gallery



Harry going on an Ice Expedition



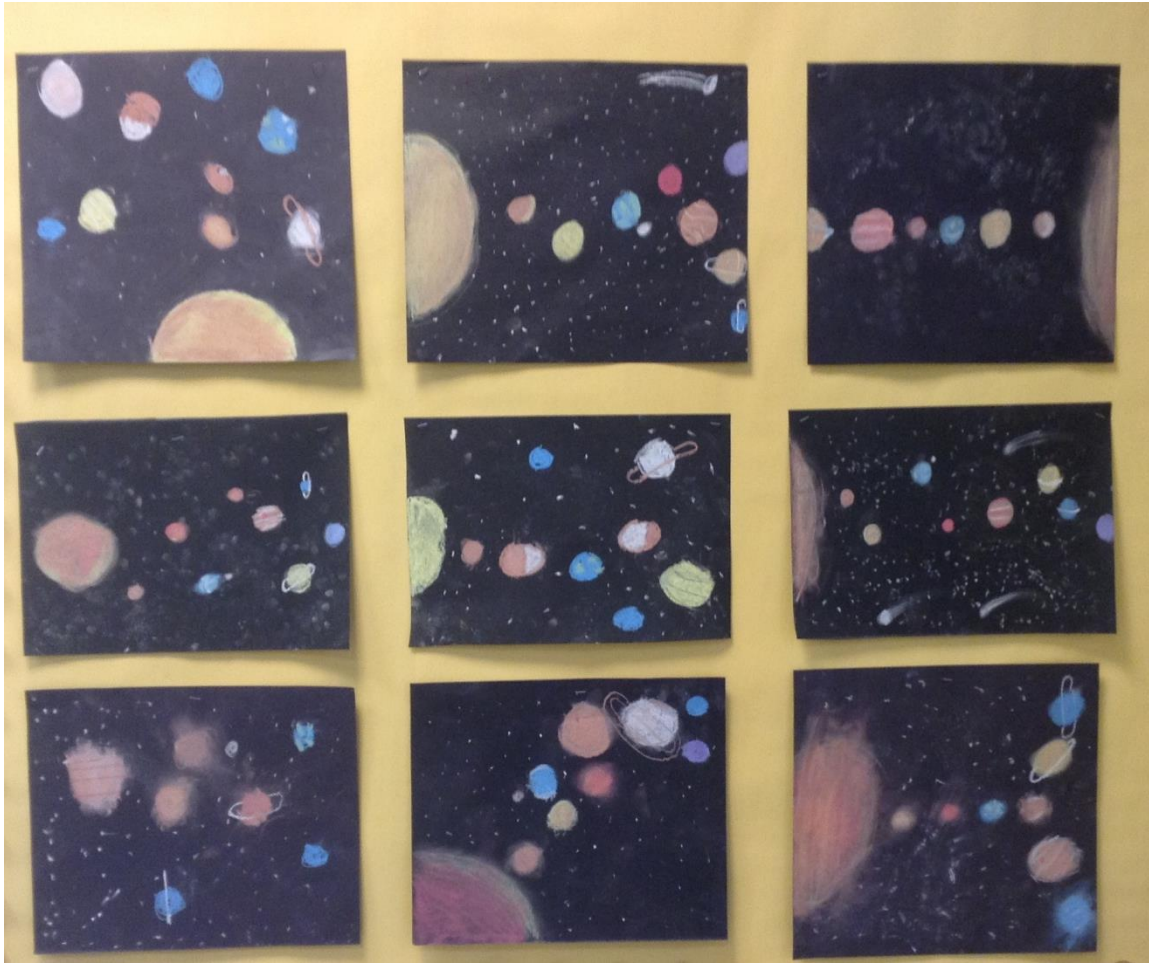
Learning maths is fun



James' penguin has gone to Africa



Making bird feeders in Forest School



Fantastic Art from Class 2

## Coronavirus advice in Devon

Do it for your family, your community, for Devon

### Stay at home

Don't let things slip! – Think twice before leaving home, stay local and avoid situations that bring you into contact with others as much as possible.

If you do have a 'reasonable excuse' for leaving your home, remember:



#### **Wash hands**

keep washing your hands regularly



#### **Cover face**

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



#### **Make space**

stay at least 2 metres apart – or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions



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## *Poetry Competition*

We're very excited to invite staff, parents/carers and students to enter our first ever Trust-wide competition.

**Write a poem on the theme of HOPE**

Overall winners in Primary and Secondary will win the opportunity to become Trust Primary/Secondary Poet Laureate for the year 2021

Other prizes of £20 book vouchers for the student categories 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and £50 of books for schools to be won in the parent/carer and staff categories.

Entries will be judged by a mixture of panels of students and staff, including one of our new Trust Champions, Ed Finch



Please send in to [ckelly@dartmoormat.org.uk](mailto:ckelly@dartmoormat.org.uk) and specify name, year group (students only), school, and category (see below)

Categories:

Parents/carers	Trust Staff
Trustees/Governors	KS1 Children
KS2 Children	KS3 Students
KS4 Students	KS5 Students