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Dear Class Two Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and managed to enjoy the family time in the sunshine over the Easter holidays.

It has been great to keep in touch with so many of you via email during the last two weeks of the spring term. I'm sure the children will have lots to tell me about when I can welcome them back to school. Unfortunately, as this is not possible at present, I will detail in this letter how as a school we plan to support the children (and parents) with their learning whilst we stay safe at home.

As a staff team, we have given a lot of thought as to how we can support pupils and parents at home. Physical and mental well-being are everyone's priority right now and we understand that each household will have a different approach and varied levels of time to spend with their child during the day. Ideally children will complete five learning activities a day consisting of the following: reading, writing, maths, a physical activity and something creative. Please see an example timetable that I have attached as I know some parents have requested one. Please do not feel you must adhere to it at all, just some ideas.

Moving forward, I would like to continue to touch base with the children at least once a week. This could take the form of a weekly email or phone call. You can email myself directly during school hours using the email: rcroft@cadmoreendschool.org. I will try to reply to emails with 24 hours. This can be useful if you have any questions or want me to see work that your child has completed.

Alternatively, please let me know if you would prefer a phone call during the week. I'm hoping the email communication and phone calls will give children the chance share work with me such as photographs of a piece of art work or science experiments they have completed at home. Over the phone children may like to just have a general chat about life at home and what they have been doing. Please let me know if you would like a 10 minute slot.

Tasks are being set on Mathletics, so please do go on and have a go! Once the teacher tasks have been completed the children can access the rest of the programme which is vast and also has many videos and games. Please be aware that some problem solving tasks may be set for your child. You can find these in the 'Explore' tab at the top of the screen once your child has logged in.

As you know, we haven't been using Mathletics for long, so would welcome your parental feedback. Mrs Groom will be continuing to announce the children who have gained a certificate each week by scoring 1000 points during the week. If you cannot find the login details for Mathletics please do get in touch.

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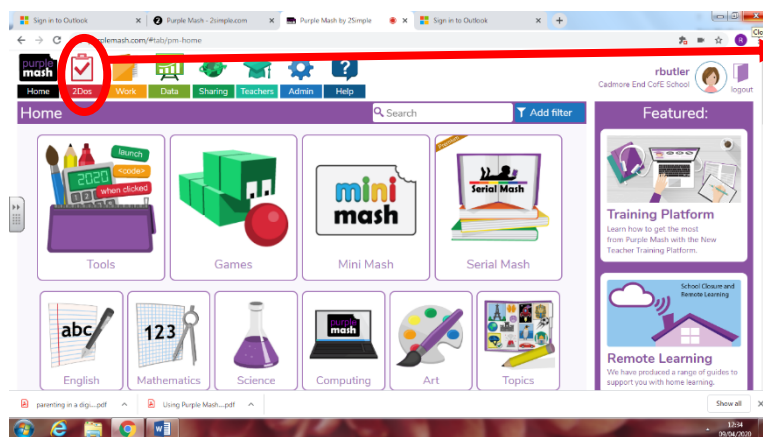
In addition to this, we are launching 'Purple Mash.' This is an exciting, interactive world of learning that we are sure the children will enjoy using. Each week, (on Monday) I will set a variety of learning tasks (2Do's) for the children to complete at their own pace over the course of the week.

The interactive learning platform allows me to set work, assess progress and provide online feedback to the children. As with Mathletics, each child will receive a unique username and password to access the site. Attached to this letter you will find the username, password and parent code you will need to set up a profile at home.

The site is child friendly and I hope the children will really enjoy using it. I would highly recommend you explore the site and activities yourself before introducing it to the children. There is a very useful interactive 'Webinar for Parents' that you may want to watch prior to exploring:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZyQdS1y3WQ>

When you log into Purple Mash you will see this home screen:



All set work (2Dos) will appear under the red icon.

As always, please don't feel pressurised to complete all of the set tasks outlined every day/every week. We understand these are challenging times and each family is doing their best with the time and resources they have. The activities and tasks are provided to support you, not to overwhelm.

Remember to keep an eye on the Class Two page of the school's website for updates, challenges and celebrations of work and please keep your photos coming!

Thinking of you all. Stay safe!

Mrs Croft