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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware we have made changes to the Google Classroom platform to make it easier to access and more relevant to your children's needs. From Monday 20th April, year groups will continue to set weekly work for the children, but these will be split into two different areas: **core learning** and **weekly challenges**.

The **core learning** section (maths, spelling and handwriting, and reading) is the area we would encourage you to work on each week. Short, daily sessions covering this core learning will have the biggest impact for your child. It is absolutely vital that the children do not lose any of the skills they've already learnt whilst schools are closed, and it is these basic skills which will ensure they are ready to continue their learning once schools do reopen. You can find advice on the next steps for your child in their school report, and the core learning will help you address these areas.

For those of you who would like your children to complete further activities, we will be uploading other work suggestions in the **weekly challenge** section. These are *optional* extras and will include ideas for writing, research and practical activities, which will help keep your child busy with additional learning if wanted.

In addition to the core learning and weekly challenge, there will also be reminders for the weekly **Picture News** update (where you can develop your child's speaking and listening skills, extend their vocabulary and widen their general knowledge) and ideas for **Fitness and Well-being**.

It is important to remember that at this difficult time, we really are looking for '*quality not quantity*' with regards to work. We are not expecting children to complete a full day of work at home: playing, physical activity, relaxing and having fun are vital too.

Stay safe and take care,

From all the teaching staff.