



## Spring Term Newsletter 2 (Week 4)



January 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear parents/carers

Well done everyone for all your efforts in week 4 of Spring term 2021. Last week, Mrs Lamb and I joined in lots of morning meetings, joined in some live lessons, watched some pre-recorded lessons and monitored the learning activities being set by teachers. We have spent much of this week being shown the amazing quality of work that is being shared via SeeSaw and discussing the feedback to children and the support for learners at home. The whole teaching team are so impressed by how rapidly home-learners have got to grips with new technology, new systems and new ways of learning. The dialogue between staff, children and parents/carers on Teams and SeeSaw has also become a really positive and supportive tool. Thank you to every pupil for working so hard. That goes for the in-school children too who are having to learn with far less direction and support than if all children were in school.

Thank you so much for the messages of support and encouragement from families during the last 4 weeks. We will continue to listen to advice and suggestions and try to improve our offer on a weekly, even daily basis. Mr Patterson will survey parents/carers regarding our home-learning. Please do comment on aspects that you feel we are doing well and definitely make suggestions that we can try to improve.

Mr Patterson has received all 21 new laptops devices from the DFE and has distributed most of them to families in most need. He will survey families to see if we can provide extra devices if possible. Mr Patterson will also survey families regarding internet needs as he is able to help with households with no/poor internet to improve home-working.

This week there has been lots of follow-up work and learning inspired by our remote visits from Adam Bushnell. Adam is an annual visitor to SBPS and we were so happy to learn with him albeit remotely.

Yesterday and today, Mrs Lamb and I had the absolute pleasure of restarting our weekly Teams celebration assemblies. We thoroughly enjoyed presenting Headteacher's awards and saying happy birthday to this week's and next week's birthday boys and girls. It really was a joy to be able to do a regular SBPS event in a new and exciting way with the children in school alongside all their friends working from home.

Keep it up boys and girls.

Enjoy your weekend.

I will see you all next week in person or on Teams.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bell