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KC/SB

Re: Google Classrooms

Dear Children

We hope you are all safe and well. At home, you are accessing the online learning via our website and RUnify, which is fantastic!

Now, we have set up Google Classrooms. This is very new to us all and staff are learning to use it so they can share activities with you. Plus it is a great way to communicate with your teachers. Younger children will need your grown-ups to help read some of the messages you receive.

To access Google Classroom you will need to go on to www.rmunify.com and log in using your school login details (the same username and password you use to log on to computers at school). Remember to follow your username with **@woodside.dudley.sch.uk** Click on Google Classrooms then you will be asked to enter a code. Your grown-up will receive this via Parentmail.

Photographs of your work and creations will cheer everybody up. Lots of children have been creating their own rainbows and joining in with the community spirit. Please upload images via Google Classroom. We may be able to share them on our school website or new Facebook page (which is in working progress). Do not add full names or other personal details and if you share an image with us, you are giving permission for us to upload it.

We ask you to uphold our value of 'CARE' when leaving messages. Keep them sensible and kind.

This is an unusual time and you need to make sure you look after yourself first and foremost. This is all new for teachers, parents, children and the wider community. Everyone will tackle the situation differently. Some like to 'go with the flow'; others prefer a timetable. If you do structure your day into a timetable, remember you are at home not school. Don't cram in six hours a day of learning. Instead, spend smaller chunks of time throughout the day. This is not school, these are new routines, remote learning and on top of this a world pandemic.

Remember to:

Complete your work at your own pace – we don't expect you to do everything. Just try your best and do what you can!

Chunk any activities into manageable pieces

Expect meltdowns – these are normal. Do something else instead like: play board games, cooking, growing seeds, building blanket dens – this is all learning and fun!

Most of all – have FUN!

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing the efforts you are putting in at home to maintain your learning.

Stay Home! Stay Safe!

With much love

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