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Dear Parent / Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your ongoing support during the national lockdown and transition to remote learning. I have looked at a sample of the work that the children have been sending in to their teachers, either through Dojo, Purple Mash blogs or the weekly reflection sheets and both you and the children are doing a great job. Please do not worry about your child 'falling behind' in comparison to other children – either nationally or those who are in school. The in school provision is the same as that being sent home. If you have a video to watch to explain a concept or method the children in school are watching the same video. Children are using the same answer sheets to check their answers and are not getting their work marked in any greater depth than you will be doing at home. If you are struggling to complete all the work we have to set (government direction) then please prioritise the English and Maths lessons. We know you will do your best to support your child.

One area of the curriculum we will be reintroducing over the coming weeks is Spanish in Year 2 – 6. We appointed a new Spanish teacher, Mrs Laura Diaz, last term and she was due to travel to England before the start of term but the travel restrictions and lockdowns have prevented this. We are currently looking at ways she can set the children some simple tasks as part of their learning. Parents may also try these if they want to develop their own foreign language skills.

Lockdown Challenge!
It has never been more important for you and your family to remain physically active.
Physical activity is good for the mind and body and so, throughout this Lockdown we are encouraging **you to keep active and log your active minutes on our new Virtual Together app.**
Your physical activity can take any form – *running, walking, yoga, cycling, taking part in PE or* sport – and can be done at any time and anywhere, as long as you follow the current Government guidelines.
The Challenge is aimed primarily at young people but we are encouraging the whole family to get involved and be Active Together! The Challenge starts at 9:00am on Monday 18th January and the deadline for final submissions is 11:00pm on Sunday 21st February 2021**.** Click the link to register to take part

https://www.lrsport.org/virtual-together-lockdown-challenge

Have a good weekend and stay safe

Pete Wood

Headteacher