**News for this week**

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### What a start to 2021!

With the Prime Minister’s announcement delivered so late on Monday evening, I can only imagine the confusion and stress so many families felt at the thought of another lockdown. Thank you all for your patience. Luckily, we had teaching planned in advance so that we were able to open to families of critical workers and vulnerable children immediately.

As the situation with COVID develops, we will keep you informed of any changes as quickly as possible.

As you know, we always enjoy receiving pictures from home of your children learning. Please continue to share these with us, so that we can celebrate them.

### Reception

This week, a dinosaur came into our classroom! It was a T-Rex! He knocked over lots of things and made lots of mess that we had to tidy up. He left us a book that we have read and a challenge for us to do. We are going to be learning all about dinosaurs and writing down what we discover. In maths we are exploring all of our numbers up to 10, writing them down, representing them, finding out 1 more and 1 less and adding the different numbers together.

### Year 1

What an unusual start to a term!

It has been lovely to spend lots of time with just a few of the children but we are missing our friends and hope that we see everyone soon. We have started our new topic about the queen, as you may have at home from Teams. Have fun if you are home learning!

### Year 2

We wrote our ‘New year resolution starts’. By Theo

We had lots of fun in the nature garden playing games. By Penny.

Our new Mrs Wordsmith word is ‘shower’. By Dorothy.

### Year 3

What a strange week this has been year 3! We are so proud of your resilience! Join us on teams every morning at 9.10am for our morning meet up.

### Year 4

I loved having hot chocolate with my work after having a really cold break time! By Scarlett.

I loved doing our solids and liquids Science investigation in school. By Ezree.

### Year 5

Year 5 have started online learning this week and have started a new topic about Chinese New year which is celebrated at the end of this term. Miss Cullimore, Mrs Judson and Mrs Ostle are really impressed with the NYC models Year 5 made at home. We hope to make a 3D map altogether when we’re back! Please see over the page at some of the models made at home.

### Year 6

We have successfully started online learning and are learning together via meetings on Teams. Our 2 week topic is Climate change and we’ve started it by looking at The Great Barrier Reef. Thank you to those who logged on and completed their work yesterday.
Work that has been done at home by Year 5
Increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children

This scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks until July 2021. This is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

Who can get help

As a school, we can request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home and cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

When help is available

We can request mobile data increases when we have reported a closure or have pupils self-isolating. We can also make requests for children who cannot attend school face-to-face because:

- they’re clinically extremely vulnerable
- restrictions prevent them from going to school

How to request a mobile data increase

This is a request that the school has to submit on your behalf. If you think that you are eligible for support, please contact Sarah Edwards by email at admin@nailsworth.gloucs.sch.uk with the following details:

For each request, we need to know:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)

Another option for increasing internet access, if increasing mobile data is not an option

4G wireless routers

4G wireless routers are compact digital devices, sometimes referred to as ‘dongles’ or ‘mobile wifi’, that provide an internet connection wherever there is access to mobile networks.

Choose this option if:

- the extra data for mobile devices option is not suitable
- there’s more than one child in the household who needs to learn remotely
- a mobile phone or tablet (tethered or not) is not regularly available for the child’s use
- frequent phone calls to the mobile phone being used tend to interrupt school work
- the child is likely to access the internet without supervision