

## Home learning for January and February 2021 at St Bede's Catholic Academy.

Dear Parent/Carers,

We will be posting lessons and homework via the Dojo App and Microsoft teams. We will be also creating packs to pick up from school which will relate to the lessons the teachers have delivered. This will begin the in next 24 hours.

DoJo is a great way to keep in touch with your child's teacher, see current homework and watch lessons. Your children earn reward points and you can view the brilliant work they are doing in class. Nearly every child is connected to DoJo. Please contact school if you would like help getting this App.

We also would like all parents/carers to down load the Microsoft Teams APP. We will be posting lessons via this APP in the very near future. You have all been sent log in details. It is free to download, works on all phones, laptops, iPad and tablets - as long as they have built in microphone and camera. The App looks like this:



We are here to support you. Please do contact class teachers with any questions, queries, or ideas about home learning via DoJo or Microsoft Teams. You can also email the school directly on [admin@stbedesstockton.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:admin@stbedesstockton.bhcet.org.uk)

**We expect all children to engage in home learning and want every parent and carer to support them in fully engaging with the lessons and activities we are offering. The home learning is not optional and school will contact you if we feel that there is poor engagement. We will always offer support and guidance on any issues you may have. The guidelines states children engage with at least three hours of learning per day for upper ks2. Younger children will be set less work. This is via online lessons, written work and teacher set tasks.**

Please contact school if you have an issue with technology or no way to access our online forums due to lack of WIFI. We may be able to help.

We want to continue working with you for the best interests of all our lovely children.

When approaching the learning of your child(ren) at home, have in mind:

"Something is always better than nothing" and "little and often"

It is hard to sustain motivation and interest in everything that school sends home, each day is different, our moods change regularly, technology doesn't always work, etc. We must remember these factors, and many more, will affect home learning. Therefore, if home learning is proving a challenge you should know that changing a schedule or doing a little less than usual is not disastrous. What matters is that our children are getting 'something' each day.

Ensure your child has a place to work that they we be able to watch lessons with minimal interruption. Talk to your child(ren) about their learning so that they feel their view matters too. It might help their willingness to focus and persevere going forward.

- Take a photo of your child's work, whatever it is, and send it to their class teacher via **DoJo**. You will get a response. For children's work to be praised and acknowledged will really boost them to keep going. Be positive around them.
- Please use the online educational platforms we have purchased for your child. These are **Reading Plus, Sumdog, Timetables Rocks Stars and Spelling Shed**, your child has been sent a log in for these platforms. Contact school if you need help logging in.
- We will also continue to provide you with paper work packs that can be collected from school.
- Everyone with internet connection will have full access to lessons via BBC Bitesize and the national Oak academy and the White Rose learning platform. These platforms are great for pre-recorded lessons for all subjects and all year groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or concerns. We will be happy to help in any way we can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rizzi-Allan  
Head Teacher