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Dear Parent / Carer,

As a school we subscribe to many apps and websites to support your child with their learning. We really want to encourage all children to explore these apps further at home and use them to consolidate what they have learned in school. Teachers often set assignments through EdShed which your child can use to consolidate their learning. Attached to this email you will find a simple guide to using Wonde which allows them to log in to all our apps and websites with just one emoji password. This password was sent home at the start of the year. A copy can be sent electronically if you have lost it by sending an email to teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk. We would recommend the use of these games regularly for 10-15 minutes at least three times per week (depending on their age) to support what your child is learning in school.

Here is an outline of what your child can access:

Reception:

EdShed contains Phonics Shed which can be used to consolidate new sounds they have learned in their phonics lessons. In the top, right hand corner there is also a 'book' icon which allows them access to e-books. Purple Mash has a wide range of activities including computing tools, publishing, art, maths and many more.

Y1 and Y2:

EdShed contains Phonics Shed which can be used to consolidate new sounds they have learned in their phonics lessons. In the top, right hand corner there is also a 'book' icon which allows them access to e-books. Spelling Shed can be used to practise spelling patterns/words they are learning in class. Maths Shed can be used to play games which consolidate their maths lessons. Purple Mash has a wide range of activities including computing tools, publishing, art, maths and many more.

Y3 - Y6:

Spelling Shed can be used to practise spelling patterns/words they are learning in class. Maths Shed can be used to play games which consolidate their maths lessons. Times Tables Rock Stars can be used for times tables practice. Purple Mash has a wide range of activities including computing tools, publishing, art, maths and many more. Charanga is available with a separate login which your child will have been given by their teacher if it is appropriate for them to use it. Developing Experts is the scheme of work we use for science. Your child may want to review the lessons they have completed in class.

On their Wonde dashboard, you will also find an icon for our school blogs and Swiggle Safe Search. We recommend your child uses Swiggle if they are researching on the internet (please remember they must be supervised when doing so) as it will only return appropriately safe results. Also, it does not show adverts which other search engines do.

We really would also recommend you sit with your child and review the class blog. Each class will have at least two entries per week which you can discuss with your child. We also welcome parents and children to make a comment on the blog. You can do this by clicking on 'leave a comment' underneath the blog entry. If a child wishes to add a comment they can use pupil@bellsfarm.org when it asks for an email address. These comments won't appear immediately as they will be moderated in school first to ensure they are appropriate and only have a first name on them.

We do hope those parents who attended our Wonde Workshop yesterday found it useful. We will be organising more of these for the spring term to go into more detail with demonstrating how to use these websites and apps. In the meantime, your child should be familiar with all the ones we recommend for them.

If you have any further queries or require more support, please get in touch using teacher@bellsfrm.bham.sch.uk.

Kind regards,
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