



Newsletter No 26

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all received my email yesterday about Active Home Week. I am aware that some emails (particularly with eircom addresses) are not delivering. If you wish to offer an alternative email address for you, please email [robertstownns@gmail.com](mailto:robertstownns@gmail.com) with your new email address and I will add it to our mailing list.

Thank you to everybody who completed the questionnaire I sent out last week. It was very helpful in planning how we can best support pupils with their learning and wellbeing going forward.

This week I will be asking you to sign the permission link on Aladdin for your child to use SeeSaw. Fifth and Sixth start using this platform today and all other classes will begin using it next week. This platform allows pupils to submit work to their teacher for correction and support. Pupils do not have to engage with SeeSaw. Pupils are generally more motivated if their work is corrected by the teacher. Pupils enjoy getting feedback from their teacher. Please see attached a guide to getting started with SeeSaw.

We are aware that many homes do not have access to printing facilities. Some families share a single Laptop/ tablet/ iPad between all family members. Teachers will not be asking parents to print off worksheets. I understand that this is proving a challenge in many families especially where parents are also using devices for work. Please adapt the suggested timetable to suit the needs and facilities of your home. Work from textbooks if needed or make up your own challenges in copies for your children. The work issued by teachers is suggested and not mandatory. If you must prioritise one subject only, prioritise literacy. Read with your child or ask them to read to you. Use silly voices. Make up stories and scripts. Do puppet shows. Play school. Let your child be the teacher. Write instructions and directions. Follow a recipe. Role play. Literacy is all around you in everyday activities.

As advised previously, we will continue to follow the school calendar for Robertstown NS. Teachers will send **suggested work to each of their classes** for Monday to Thursday of this week and for Tuesday to Friday of next week.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Regards,  
Marion Sherlock



## Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital portfolio tool which allows pupils to store their work in an online space and gain feedback from their teacher. It can be used on a computer (PC) or tablet.

Quick Start Guide:

1. Download the Seesaw Class app (free) or visit [Seesaw.me](https://seesaw.me)
2. Choose I'm a Student.
3. Enter the home learning code received from the teacher into the Text Code box at the bottom of the screen.
4. If your teacher has asked you to take a photo of some work you have complete, press +Add button. Choose which format of work you want to add.
5. Students sign out by clicking on their name/avatar in the top left-hand corner of the screen, then click the cog and then sign out.