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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you that this term our school will begin using Seesaw (<http://seesaw.me>), to document and reflect on what the children are learning in class and share this with you through the creation of a family account. Your child will be able to add the things we work on (including photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings) to their Seesaw journal and we can share them privately with you and other family members to view and comment on throughout the school year.

All children will bring home today instructions on how to set up your family account with your unique QR code to link you to your child's account. This is different from the student accounts we are already using as it allows you to receive updates on learning your child posts during their school day. This gives a wonderful insight into your child's life in the classroom and the progress they are making in their learning. The sign up details overleaf are unique to your child and will only allow access to your child's journal. You can, however, create as many family accounts as you wish by sharing these sign up details with other family members, such as grandparents. As last year's Primary 3 trialed the use of family accounts in January, you do not need to create a new account if you already have one. You can add any other children from different classes to your existing account.

Your child will post learning updates once a week from their classroom. Family members can like and comment on these posts. Comments must only be for the children, and not for teachers. If you wish to discuss anything with your child's teacher you should follow normal school procedures and telephone the school office.

We will capture photographs and videos to share of your child using our secure school iPads. Your child may also from time to time feature in another child's learning journal during pair or group work. If you do not wish your child to be photographed or you would prefer your child to only feature in their own journal please telephone the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September to withdraw your consent. If you do not raise any concerns we will assume we have your consent to continue.

If you require any support creating your family account or logging in to Seesaw Ms Randall will be available to offer support over the phone on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2-3pm. Please telephone the office between these times if you wish to access this support.

I hope that you and your child will enjoy using Seesaw to document and share their learning this year.

Yours in partnership,

Ms Randall  
Principal Teacher, Digital Leader of Learning

### **Our Values**

**Respect   Honesty   Kindness   Doing Our Best   Good Sportsmanship**