

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

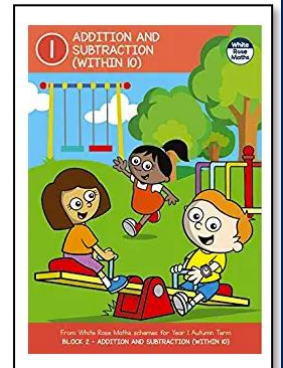
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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

What a busy week it has been for everyone at Towngate! From beginning our week with our remote learning in all classes to the snowfall on Thursday, it has most definitely been a busy start to 2021! Despite the school closing on Thursday to keep everyone safe in the difficult weather conditions, learning has continued thanks to the wonder of technology – well done everybody!

### Remote Learning

Firstly, thank you for the fantastic engagement we have had with our home learning again this week. As discussed in our letter on remote learning earlier this week, we are trying to balance the requirements for remote learning as set by the Government with the circumstances facing our families, which of course is no easy feat! We are so excited by the fantastic efforts of many of our children who are ready to learn on registration and working hard to complete home learning tasks to the best of their abilities. Over 97% of children working remotely were present on Teams for registrations this week! Well done everybody. We have been made aware that Amazon are offering free maths resources for children created by the Maths Hub, whose resources school use in delivery of our maths curriculum. If parents search 'free maths' in the Amazon search bar these are available to be downloaded as an ebook on Kindle or Tablet.



### Places for critical workers

The government guidance updated last week states that: "Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can." We wish to thank the parents and carers who have already contacted school to reduce the days children access school or have been able to make arrangements to keep their children at home. We appreciate this cannot be the case for all critical workers, however should any other parents/carers have a change in arrangements and can accommodate their children staying at home, please contact the school office via [TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk).

### Free school meal voucher scheme

Next week we will be switching to the voucher scheme for those families in receipt of income related Free School Meals. Please watch out for the notification that your voucher has arrived. Please be patient, we know that this process can take a while. We are determined in our efforts to get these out to you as fast as we can therefore appreciate your cooperation in advance.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody – for those of you enjoying the snow, don't forget to tweet us using our twitter handle @IPMATTowngate where we will share your snowman creations! Stay safe everybody.

Miss L Eke  
Acting Headteacher  
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