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Dear Parents/Carers,

I met with our Year 5 & 6 school council and digital leaders today, where we discussed a new initiative which we'd like to introduce across the school to teach children the importance of balancing screen time on their digital devices with other parts of their lives.

As you know, at Richmond Park School we feel that purposeful use of technology can engage children in their learning and provide a valuable tool to support their curiosity, communication and skills across a range of areas. However, technology can sometimes be used ineffectively and get in the way of important time with their family and friends. We recognise that spending quality time with family is important to support the children's communication, well-being, social development, etc.

Therefore, to help support children and parents with this, **we've decided to create a lending library where children and parents can come in to school to borrow non-digital items to play at home, spend quality time with each other and to have fun** (unless it's monopoly of course, in which case it's more likely that we'll encourage arguments 😊). You'd be able to borrow items for up to a week at a time at no cost whatsoever. All we'd ask is that they're returned in time in order to ensure that other families could then borrow the items too.

We'd like to have this up and running from next Friday and we'd like your support to help us get this set up if possible. *If you have anything you'd be able to donate in good condition and working order (e.g. jigsaws, board games, top trumps, jenga, etc), we'd be most grateful to receive them.* Please send these in to your class teachers and we'll add them to our library. The lending library will be managed by the school's digital leaders and school council. Once set-up, we will provide parents with a timetable for when the room will be available for you and your children to come in and browse/borrow the resources.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we could develop this initiative further, we'd love to hear yours and your children's thoughts. We haven't decided on a name for this area or initiative yet, so again we'd love to hear your ideas.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact us if you'd like any further information!

Kind regards,

Mr D Cooper
(Deputy Headteacher)

