

Year 6 Home Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of Term 3. We think you would join us in thinking this is not the start to the term any of us would have wished for. However, the circumstances we find ourselves in at the moment mean that this is the safest route for everyone. Even though it is not ideal, we will still endeavour to make online learning sessions effective and purposeful so that the children's learning continues. They had made such good progress in Terms 1 and 2 and we are keen for this to continue.

We thought it would be useful for you if we outlined how remote working will work for your child. It is important to note that those children of critical workers who will be attending school will be accessing the same work as those working from home.

All learning will be set through Google Classroom. You have had letters with all their log in details on for this. On Google Classroom, you will find an outline of a timetable of lessons we will be covering whilst working remotely. Each day, the lessons for that day will go live. These lessons are mostly sequential and are designed to be done in this order. Therefore, if they miss a day, they will need to go back and complete the previous lesson first before attempting that day's lessons. The timings for the lessons are just as a guide. Where possible we have added a video link to help the children understand the work for that day.

Most of the work set is through Google docs or slides. It is useful to have both of these downloaded if using a mobile device but should both work normally if working on a laptop or pc. It is really important to get your child to 'hand in' their work on completion. Without this, we cannot see the work completed or give feedback.

In terms of marking and feedback, we will regularly check the feed for the day and return the completed work to your child. It is worth knowing though that we are running a teaching rota in school and so your child's teacher may be in school teaching through the day and so feedback might not come until after school. It is worth reminding your child to go back and check their feedback as they may have corrections or improvements to make.

We will be holding Zoom meetings every Friday morning. These will be completed in small groups and the details for these will be sent out via email from the school office. We will send out 2 weeks' worth of details at a time. We would advise you to ensure your child attends this meeting as their class teacher will be sharing updates and important information. In addition to this, from Monday 11th January, we will be scheduling a Zoom meeting every day at 2pm. The link for this will be shared in Google Classroom each day. This meeting will be available for any children who have found the home learning difficult that day. Your child will only need to join the 2pm meetings if they need help with the learning that day.

There are lots of other things the children can access if they have additional time. They can use TT Rockstars, complete some of the games or activities on MyMaths and they can also use Purple Mash. They should also still be reading regularly.

Our timetable also includes time for them to watch the day's episode of Newsround. We have found in class that this is really helpful and effective in helping the children make sense of what is going on around them at the moment. The web address for this will be the same each day.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround

Finally, we just wanted to pass on our thanks to you in these trying times. We know that it is challenging trying to run home learning whilst also working from home. We will do our absolute best to support you as best we can. We know we may get things wrong and we may need to change things as the time goes on but we will keep you informed of this as and when it is needed.

Miss Janman and Miss Moore