

11th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, may we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday; it seems a very long time ago now!

We hope you have been able to access the activities we have been providing using Microsoft Teams. There have been a few teething troubles, we are learning as we go along too! Assignments need to be 'handed in' to us, so that we can see how your child is getting on and give feedback. Where possible children can type responses on a word document and upload that, or a photograph can be taken of their work and the photograph can be uploaded (You should be able to use the edit or draw tool to write on worksheets even if you can't type on them or aren't able to print them out.) If this isn't possible the children can record their work on paper or in a book. Please do not forget that children are expected to join the online Microsoft Teams meeting at 9.15 a.m. each morning to discuss the activities for the day; it is so lovely to see the children even though we can't be with them in person.

We recognise that remote learning can be difficult, partly because the children really benefit from the structure of the school day. To help you with this, here is a suggested timetable for the day. These timings are by no means 'set in stone' but may help you to organise your time effectively. We understand that the children may have to share devices and although we set a deadline for assignments please do not worry if work is handed in after the deadline or if it is not completed on the set day.

8:45 – 9:15	Exercise! Joe Wicks will be starting his daily workout from Monday 11th, but there are many online exercise videos that can be used. Tanners Brook children love 'Just Dance!' Remember, all children need fresh air and to be active!
9:15 – 9:30	'Teams' meeting with your child's class teacher. An adult must be present with the children.
AM	English Assignments – Writing, Grammar, Reading Maths Assignment Times Tables practice (if you can go online, your child's 'Times Tables Rockstar' log-in is the same as the one used for 'Teams' and there is a link from the Teams page to the website in the top menu).
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch time
PM	Topic Assignment – This could be Science, Music, Geography, Art, RE, PSHE or French. Sometimes there will be two afternoon assignments. Reading with an adult/sibling. This is so important for the children; they love to share books. Make sure you ask questions about what they have read with you. Children also really enjoy listening to stories, so feel free to read to them. David Walliams shares his stories on www.worldofdavidwalliams.com , in the 'Elevenses' section. Try and do some exercise at the end of the day - get out in the garden/park to do star jumps/go for a short walk/run/cycle ride?

We appreciate how much of a challenge teaching your child at home can be and are very grateful for the support you are giving. Hopefully, we can all be back at school in the not-too-distant future!

Yours sincerely

The Year 4 Team