

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Head of School - Ingrid Dowse  
 Executive Head - Amanda Parry

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!); from tomorrow, work will be set as three separate assignments as some children and parents had difficulty in accessing all of the tasks. These need to be returned to us, so that we can see how your child is getting on and give feedback. Don't forget to come along to the 9 o'clock meeting; it is so lovely to see the children even though we can't be with them in person.

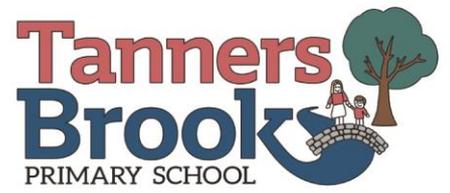
We recognise that remote learning can be difficult, partly because the children really benefit from the structure of the school day. To help you with this, here is a suggested timetable for the day. These timings are by no means 'set in stone' but may help you to organise your time effectively.

9:00 – 9:15	'Teams' meeting with your child's class teacher. An adult <b>must</b> be present with the children.
9:20 – 10:20	English Assignment
10:20 – 10:40	Break time!
10:45 – 11:45	Maths Assignment
11:45 – 12:00	Times Tables practice (if you are able to go online, your child's 'Times Tables Rockstars' and 'Sumdog' log-ins are the same as the one used for 'Teams').
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch time!
1:00 – 2:00	Assignment Three. This could be any subject!
2:00 – 2:30	Reading with an adult. This is so important for the children; they love to share books with a grown-up. 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 <a href="http://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com">www.worldofdavidwalliams.com</a> , in the 'Elevenses' section.
2:30 – 3:00	Exercise! Joe Wicks will be starting his daily workout, 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!

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

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