

11th January 2021

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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!); we will continue to set work as separate assignments for each subject. There will be a reading or writing assignment, a maths assignment and another subject assignment (e.g. geography, art etc) set each day. We may also set additional assignments such as grammar or spelling. These need to be returned to us please, so that we can see how your child is getting on and give feedback. Please do not forget that children are expected to join the online Microsoft Teams meeting at 8.45 a.m. each morning. 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.

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| 08:45-09:00 | 'Teams' meeting with your child's class teacher. An adult must be present with the children. |
| 09:00 – 10:15 | Reading/Writing Assignment |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | 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'). Children could choose to work on their mental maths booklets at this time. |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch time! |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Assignment Three. This could be any subject. We may also include another assignment e.g. grammar or spelling within this time which could extend past 14:00. On a Friday afternoon, we will be holding a year group meeting to sum up the week. Look out for this and try to join if you can! |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | 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 www.worldofdavidwalliams.com , in the 'Elevenses' section. |
| 2:30 – 3:00 | Exercise! Joe Wicks will be starting his workouts again soon which we will incorporate into some afternoons, 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! Our children are very used to walking a mile so this would be a good time to do that. |

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 6 Team