

Merton Junior School

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*'Be wise, together we
succeed'*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hoping this letter finds you well at this challenging time.

The aim of this letter is to outline some key information linked to 'Remote Learning' and will hopefully reassure you.

The year 3 team aim to use a blended approach to remote learning this will include a variety of things:

- Independent tasks for the children to complete and submit back to their teacher. These will be in the format of a PowerPoint – children can write onto the document and submit it back to their teacher. These slides will often have an example for the children to follow, and on occasions the children will have a choice of tasks so they can challenge themselves. A member of the team will assess work submitted and give regular feedback
- Staff will pre-record videos which the children can watch before they complete a specific task, the aim is to guide the children by modelling expectations or a new concept.
- Staff will schedule Google Meets. This is an opportunity for the children to 'see and speak' their teacher or a member of the year 3 team. These meetings may be used to talk through what the children have learnt that week, any misconceptions can be addressed by the teacher, children to share their achievements with others.
- Google Meets may be used for some 'live teaching' for example a phonics session, explaining a new maths concept or modelling writing expectations

These opportunities will be timetabled each week and displayed on Google Classroom, it will look like this:

A screenshot of a Google Classroom announcement interface. At the top, there is a header for 'Horse Chestnut' with a class code 'Turned off' and a meet link. Below this, the announcement is titled 'Miss Knowles' class'. The main text of the announcement reads: 'Weekly additional blended learning timetable beginning the week commencing 11.1.21.' There is a file attached to the announcement named 'Week beginning 11.docx' with a Word icon. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Add', 'Cancel', and 'Post'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'Upcoming' announcements and 'Saved announcements (2)'. The background of the announcement area features a large, faint owl logo.

When you click on link a timetable will be displayed which will look like this, outlining the week ahead:

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| Week beginning 11.1.21 | What is on offer in addition to daily remote learning PowerPoints . |
| Monday | Maths and geography videos Story time video |
| Tuesday | Google meet at 2pm Story time video |
| Wednesday | English video Story time video |
| Thursday | Geography video Story time video |
| Friday | Google meet at 2pm Story time video |

If you have any difficulties accessing Google classroom, submitting child's work, please continue to contact the year 3 team at: year3@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk or visit our COVID 19 page on the website where we aim to upload a variety of 'helpful user guides' made by our team.

Thank you for your continued support, you are all doing a fantastic job.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team