

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 4 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' to their teacher or a member of the year 4 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, explaining a new maths concept or modelling writing expectations.
- Extra-curricular activities will be set each week in the 'extra activities' section on Google Classroom, these are activities based on other subject our project does not focus for the children to have a go at, if they would like to. These activities are not a substitute for completing the remote learning PowerPoints, but fun tasks to keep them 'busy' at this time.

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

Sycamore
 Class code n7u62sp
 Meet link <https://meet.google.com/lookup/alahjxh7lg>

Select theme
Upload photo

Upcoming

- Due Friday
- Remote learning Wednesd...
- Remote learning Tuesday ...
- Remote Learning Monday ...

[View all](#)

Announce something to your class

Ellena Youngs
8:00 AM

Please find the weekly additional blended learning timetable beginning the week commencing 11.1.21.

Week beginning 11.docx
Word

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

Monday	BINGO grid and positive perk ups posted in Google Classrooms
Tuesday	Maths challenge or a picture book released
Wednesday	Science activity posted
Thursday	Google meets set up for each class
Friday	Next chapter of the Class Teachers book released and certificate of the week

If you have any difficulties accessing Google classroom, submitting child's work, please continue to contact the year 4 team at: year4@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 4 Team