

Dear Parents and Children

We hope you are all keeping well in these difficult times. We fully appreciate the challenges of supporting your children at home but the most important message from both myself and Mrs Jenkinson, is to keep safe and look after your family's health and well being; this has to be the priority. I look forward to staying in contact with you all and if you want to email me or speak to me to discuss anything at all, I can call you. The children will also be able to message me on our on-line learning platform eschools, if they need help with their learning or want to tell me about any work that they are particularly proud of!

HOW THE LEARNING IS SET UP ON ESCHOOLS

The new project, 'Our World of Wonders...' is based around the book, 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. (There may be one or two children who have read this, however, analysing it and extending the learning to include both written and various other creative tasks is something they won't have done so they will still benefit from it.) I hope you all read the email about the book and have managed to get a copy of the book or downloaded it on to a Kindle or Audible. **Please let me know if you need support with this.**

To access the 'Overview of Tasks' and Year 6 Resources which support the learning please see below:

- ❖ Log on to the school website
- ❖ On the right hand side of the screen, select SIGN IN
- ❖ The children can type in their Username and Password (I will give you this when I speak to you)
- ❖ You will arrive at the Year 6 home page called the DASHBOARD. On here are messages / notifications for the children, along with the planning for the term called: Overview of Tasks.
- ❖ The next tab, MY CLASS, is where the children might have a message from me and can respond.
- ❖ The final tab, ME, has a number of files in it down the left hand side of the screen.
- ❖ Select MY FILES and a small box will appear in the centre of the screen.
- ❖ Select SHARED WITH ME. In here, is the Year 6 File.
- ❖ There are many folders in here for every subject.
- ❖ In the Overview of Tasks, the children will be guided to these folders for additional resources. To activate any website links, the

children must hover the cursor over the link and press CTRL + left click

English: The *continuous* learning is the reading of the book and there are a set of comprehension questions for each chapter. They can be used as a discussion tool only or for children to work through independently. They do not have to do every question as there are quite a lot! For the written tasks, again, the children don't have to do every single activity but they should do the ones that 'match' where they are in the book. Some activities will take a long time so the children shouldn't feel pressured to get them done in a day if they need four days.

Maths : there is an '*Expected and Greater depth folder*' and a '*Working towards Year 6 folder*' - I will let you know which one is best for your child.

The maths file has various topics for the children to do. They will definitely need support to get started on these. In the '*Expected / Greater Depth folder*,' there is a PowerPoint, activities and answers for each maths topic. The children know that fluency is simple practice, then it moves on to reasoning and finally, problem solving. (The children might need to do fluency for a few days or they can go straight to reasoning and problem solving.) The '*Working Towards Year 6*' folder is revision of maths topics already done to help consolidate their knoweldge. They will know what they are capable of but may need an extra nudge to push themselves as they have been away from school!

All other subjects, including Well-Being, are resourced in the Year 6 Folder. Make sure the children complete a variety of activties to maintain their interest.

Meanwhile, if there is anything I can help you with, please let me know. This way of learning is very new for all of us and so it may take some practise! If you haven't heard from me yet, I will be calling you over the weekend to discuss all of the above.

I look forward to hearing from you and your children

Best wishes and keep safe

Mrs Nicholson & Mrs Jenkinson