

Endeavour Newsletter Autumn 2020



Welcome back to a new school year at Hoole St Michael and I cannot tell you how excited we are to welcome the children back to us. We have missed them terribly and we are raring to go with our learning. This year we are keeping the phrase 'you can move mountains' in our hearts and in our heads as we work. We want our children to know that with hard work and effort they have the power to achieve anything that they put their minds to.

We welcome two new members to the Endeavour team this year: Mrs Beswick and Miss McGarry. Mrs Beswick will be working every morning in our class and on a Thursday afternoon. Miss McGarry will be with us on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon. They are very excited about joining our school and have already built great relationships with our children in class with their enthusiasm.

Year Topic Overview:

Autumn Term 1: That's Class!

Autumn Term 2: To the Rescue?

Spring Term 1: A Great British Explore-Off!

Spring Term 2: The Power and the Glory

Summer Term 1: Preston? Nothing Interesting Ever Happens Here.

Summer Term 2: Blastin' It At Blackpool

Details of this can also be found on our class webpage where you will find information about the long term plan for the year and about our latest topic.

- **High school**

Our local high schools will be busy planning what they can do in place of Open Evenings ready for their new Year 7 next September. Keep a look out on their websites for details. Our school will also highlight key dates you need for high school applications.

- **Reading:**

It is vital that your child reads every night both for pleasure and a focused read - maybe something of your choice. Reading Records and changes of books will be sent out by Monday 9th September alongside a reading record. Children will have a banded book that they read with you and another book that they read for pleasure. We will be changing books on a Monday and Thursday to give us chance to quarantine any books that come into school. I am aware that some avid readers have books on the go from home for pleasure. That is fine - we want you to love what you are reading.

We are also using reading records as homework diaries this year. Passwords for key homework programs will also be in there.

- **Times Tables:**

We will be testing times tables on a weekly basis as children are expected to have recall of up to 12x12. We will be using Times Table Rockstars to help promote a fluent recall of times tables. We have already done a baseline assessment and the children have been grouped accordingly. From this, I have set tables for the group up to October half term to practise. The higher their speed, the more they move across our maths wall.



- **Emile:** Emile is a maths and grammar program that we have invested in this year. Each week I will set an assignment that I have linked to our learning in maths. This will run from Monday to Monday. We will then go over this in class. Children are welcome to access other areas of Emile too at any time.



- **Spelling:**

Spellings will be sent out every Monday. We will have three sessions in class across the week where we will review the spelling rules being taught and this year we will continue to combine this with our new handwriting scheme called Letter Join. Children will have the opportunity in class to learn their spellings 3 times a week but we will be emphasising that this does not replace work at home. Spellings are tailored for individual need and year group. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

- **Grammar:** We teach grammar daily in class and each week a homework task will be set linked to this using white CPG grammar books that are tailored for the individual year group.

- **Homework:**

Please see the attached sheet for you to pin up at home which has all the details that you need about homework.

- **PE:** Our formal PE sessions this half term are on Tuesday taught by Mr Pitcher and another session taught by me on a Thursday.

Bikeability:



Year 6 will be taking part in our usual Bikeability on Thursday 1st October and Friday 2nd October.

Letters with consent forms and checklists for safe bikes will be coming home in paper copies and on Dojo.

I would normally say that my door is always open, however, in current circumstances I can't! As many of you know already though, I am always on the end of Dojo, email or the phone to answer any queries or to hear any updates you may have.

Mrs Beswick, Miss McGarry and I cannot wait to watch our children grow and learn over the year.

Mrs Cookson and Team Endeavour!

Quick Glance Homework Guide - Endeavour

Monday

- Emile task deadline and new Emile task out.
- White grammar book due in and new task out.
- T T Rockstars change over day online
- Spelling test and new spellings out
- Reading book change day.

Thursday

- Reading book change

