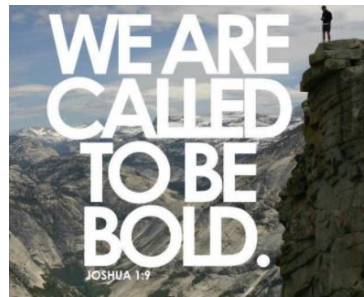




# Endeavour Newsletter Autumn 2021



Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic summer making memories together. We would love to see what you have been up to - your pictures are very welcome via pm on our Class Dojo. Every year we have a class motto, driven by our Christian values that we aim to live by. As our theme across the year is survival in its various forms, our motto comes from Joshua: we are called to be **bold**. The characters we will meet along the way in all our class novels certainly show what it is to be bold. They will provide our inspiration this year to have courage and go for it!

Mrs Beswick and Miss McGarry we continue to work with our children this year to support learning. Mrs Beswick will be working every morning and Thursday afternoon. Miss McGarry will be working Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Mrs Beswick and Miss McGarry will also support the children at lunchtime.

## Year Topic Overview:

Term	Topic	Novel/nonfiction Text
Autumn 1	Kon'nichiwa and Howdy Partner	Breadwinner Kensuke's Kingdom Holes Windrush Child
Autumn 2	Bombay Dreams	Sir Walter Tully (World War One Week) Cloud Tea Monkeys Oliver Twist The Night Before Christmas vs The Snow Queen
Spring 1	Arabian Nights	Varjak Paw Nonfiction texts about inventions. There are no Ballet Shoes in Syria.
Spring 2	To Infinity and Beyond	Cosmic Various nonfiction texts about space.
Summer 1	Gold of the Gods	The Explorer Poems - haiku and limericks Persuasive texts
Summer 2	Alpha and Omega	The Fire Thief Various Greek Myths Pig Heart Boy



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. Our theme across the year is survival in its various forms. On our class webpage you will see our three driving words that underpin our first topic. These are selected with the aim of up-levelling the vocabulary of the children. Our first three words are: **tenacity, endurance and steadfast.**

- **High school**

The deadline for Year 6 to apply for high school is a short one, normally at the end of October. We work closely with local high schools to keep you posted on open evenings or Zoom meetings that they provide. We also ask high school teachers to visit us in school and chat to the children either virtually or in person. We would strongly recommend that Year 5 also attend any open evenings provided as this gives time to consider this decision.

- **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 as this worked well for the children, giving more of a set routine. 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 for fluency - children can be accurate, efficient and flexible:**

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. On our first days in school, we will be conducting baseline assessments and setting children into groups. Their practice is then specifically tailored to their needs. The tables will be set right up to October half term and change weekly. For tailored practice, your child should be using the Garage Sessions. Parents are then able to see what times tables their child is working on.



- **Emile:** Emile is a maths and grammar program that we are continuing to use for maths homework across school. It has the facility for teachers to pinpoint key fluency skills we would like the children to work on. It also allows teachers to see how children performed and pinpoint support. 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 and a Wednesday. As we aim to be outside as much as we can, your child is welcome to bring plain blue or black jogging trousers to keep warm.

All the staff who work in Endeavour Class are here to support your family as much as we can. We are always available to speak to as you need either on the gate at the beginning and end of the day, via Dojo pm or on the phone.

We are all really looking forward to sharing our survival learning journey with you.

Mrs Cookson and Team Endeavour!



## Quick Glance Homework Guide - Endeavour

### Monday

- Emile task deadline (Sunday) 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.

### Tuesday

- PE Kits needed.

### Wednesday

- PE Kits needed.

### Thursday

- Reading book change.

We can also provide homework support in school through nurture sessions with Mrs Kenyon. If you feel your child would benefit from this, please contact me via Dojo pm.