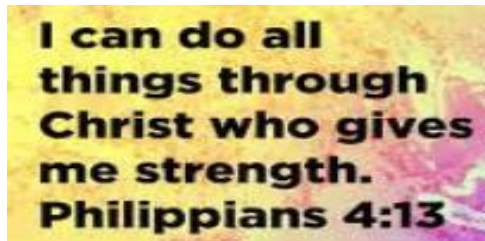




# Endeavour Newsletter Autumn 2023



## Year Topic Overview:

Phew! Back to school! We all survived the six week break! Welcome back to a new school year in Endeavour Class! Mrs Beswick and I look forward to welcoming you into class and supporting your learning. Throughout the year we will be exploring a variety of quality texts all around the theme of survival. We will also be refreshing and building on our knowledge of worldwide geography.

This year we are focusing on metacognition and self - regulated learning. This starts with us assessing our strengths and our weaknesses, deciding what skills we need to complete a task and then developing a strategy. We will be learning to self - monitor as we complete the task and then at the end, assess what we have actually learnt. This cycle will help us to make improvements for ourselves.

Term	Topic	Novel/nonfiction Text
Autumn 1	Mission Survive	Bear Grylls - You Vs the World. (This is a PSHE week text based on metacognition)  Everest - non fiction  Holes
Autumn 2	Bombay Dreams	The Skylarks' War (World War One Week)  Cloud Tea Monkeys  Oliver
Spring 1	Arabian Nights	Varjak Paw  The Highwayman
Spring 2	To Infinity and Beyond	Cosmic
Summer 1	Gold of the Gods	The Explorer
Summer 2	Alpha and Omega	Pig Heart Boy  Class reader: The Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates



**PE:**

Wednesday - netball

Friday - the survival of dance through the ages.

**Kit:** pumps for the hall, white t shirt, plain, navy shorts.

As the weather gets colder, you will need trainers for outside and plain, dark bottoms.

**Homework:**

We work Monday to Monday.

Monday home goes out, we mark it the following Monday, do our weekly tests and then give our new homework. We post homework on Dojo each week. All homework is linked to our learning in class and not new.

Each week you will have:

Grammar from CGP book

Maths linked to previous week's learning

T T Rockstars based on a test your child has done.

Spellings

**Homework Support:** Rather than offer support during learning time, we are now offering support at lunch times in the form of a 'drop in' to encourage Year 6 especially to take responsibility for their own work. This will be every Tuesday after school from 3.15 -3.45.

**High school:**

The deadline for Year 6 to apply for high school is a short one, **normally at the end of October**. You can find the link to apply here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

We work closely with local high schools to keep you posted on upcoming open evenings. Look out for dates of these on Dojo. Many high schools also send adverts home through school. 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.

Tarleton Academy: 26<sup>th</sup> September 4.30 - 7pm

Bishop Rawstorne: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 4.30 - 8.30pm

Hutton Grammar: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30pm

Penwortham Priory: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 4.30 - 9pm

Penwortham Girls: 4<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm



All Hallow's: 5<sup>th</sup> October 4pm - 7pm

- **Reading:**

It is vital that your child reads every night both for pleasure and a focused read - maybe something of your choice. 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 use reading records as homework diaries and children will record what they have in there.

Passwords for T T Rock Stars are in here.

- **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. If your child finds the timer stressful, use jamming sessions that do not have this facility.



### **Year 6 trip to Min Y Don:**

Look out for information regarding our trip to Min Y Don in March 2024. Payment plans and further information on our two night stay will be available shortly.

### **And finally....**

As usual, we will be posting daily on Dojo and will be available both on the playground and at the end of the phone/computer to answer all your queries. Please do come and speak to us, we are really looking forward to starting the New Year in partnership with you to support our children.

Mrs Cookson and Team Endeavour!

