



Hello Harrison, Jake, Kieran, Davy-Jae, Tyler, George, George, Ryan, Ollie, Alfie, Jake, Evie, Ethan, Jack, Faith, Lewis, Jensen, Lottie and Archie!

2021 is underway! Thank you all so much for your lovely Christmas cards and gifts. I really do appreciate them all.

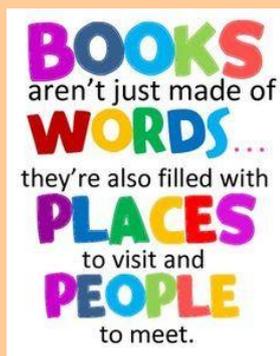
Well, what can I say? Here we go again! I was so looking forward to us meeting in school again and continuing our Year 6 journey. You are doing so well and I am exceptionally proud of each and every one of you. You have achieved so much already and I know that, although this is a curveball, you will continue to try your best, listen to your adults and create a new routine for however long lockdown lasts.

Lockdown 3 feels quite different to the first two lockdowns. For one, the weather is much colder. As I am writing this today, there is a flurry of snow outside and the ice is refusing to melt, casting the world into a beautiful white wonderland. We must always remember to look up, and look out because, although the world may feel tricky right now, there is always something to be grateful for. Please make sure that you take regular breaks from learning; go for a walk or have a dance around the house and enjoy your day! Spend time chatting with family, reading a good book or playing a board game - all these skills help you grow into wonderful well rounded adults.

In terms of your learning, I am asking you to try and achieve at least 3 hours of work a day. This will probably include about an hour of English, including Reading, an hour of Maths and a further lesson - this might be RE, PE, Art, Science, Geography or PHSE. I

am going to create a timetable which, for those of you who are working part of the time in school, will help you decide what you do during your time learning at home. For those of you who are at home every day, this could be an example timetable for you to use to help you manage your time. It is entirely up to you, and will obviously depend on your personal circumstances at home.

You should have received information about a Home Learning book which school are providing for you to record your learning. When completing



your work, **please write the full date and underline it** as we would do in school (short date for Maths please) and maintain your high standards of handwriting. Use a pen which you feel comfortable writing with but it must be blue or black ink please, and use a pencil for your Maths. Set your work out neatly - feel proud of it and please e-mail me some examples of what you are up to so that I can give you some feedback like I would do in class. My e-mail address is r.bolton@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk You or your adult can also use this email if you would like to ask me any questions or need help with any aspect of learning and I will get back to you as soon as I can (I am teaching in class for some of the time so bear with me!)

I know that one of the main things that you miss when you are not in school is each other! I love watching you interact with your friends, sharing ideas and experiences - it is often very educational for me to listen in to your conversations! I learn such a lot!

To try and help with this a little, we are going to hold a **Zoom** meeting each week so that, if you wish, we can catch up with each other as a class and talk about how you are getting on. Parents will need to have the Zoom app (on a phone, laptop or tablet) which is easy to download and is free of charge.



It would be really lovely to see as many of you as possible in this way.

Here are the possible options:

Zoom meeting Option 1 - Mondays @ 4.00pm

Zoom meeting Option 2 - Tuesdays @ 5.00pm

Please confirm via my email which of these options you would prefer, no later than 4.00pm tomorrow (Saturday 9th January).

Details of the preferred day and time will then be confirmed via text message. A Zoom meeting invite will then be sent to your parent/carer ready for next week.

I realise that there is a lot of information in this letter. What I really want you to remember is that, as long as you try your best then that is good enough! What is right for one person isn't always right for another, so do what is right for you!

Remember that I am thinking of you and your family and praying that we can all be together in school again soon.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Lots of love and hugs,

Mrs Bolton x x x