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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now into our second half term and I thought I would write to you to check how things are going with Microsoft Teams. As well as using Microsoft Teams as a platform to share work with pupils and adults at home, we are also using Microsoft Teams to set homework for the children and I want to make sure that everyone can access this.

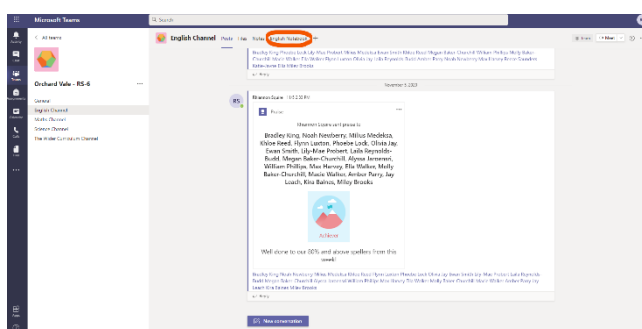
You should have been e-mailed a set of instructions for downloading and setting up Microsoft Teams, along with your child's username and password. If you need a second copy of this, please e-mail us and we will send one out to you. You should be able to use Teams on a phone, iPad or laptop. However, it is slightly more difficult on a phone so this may take a little more perseverance.

If at any point our class bubble or a child needs to isolate, I will be using Teams to set online learning: if you are having any difficulty or concerns with using Teams at home, I would appreciate it if you could e-mail the school and let me know if you are **not** able to use the system. I will then try to speak to anyone that is having problems so that we can resolve the issues.

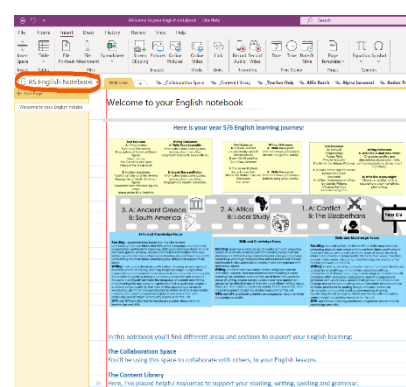
Once you have set up Teams and logged in, you will need to follow these instructions to find your child's homework.

1. Either on the Teams or One Note browser page/app, select which notebook you'd like to use.

Teams app/ browser:

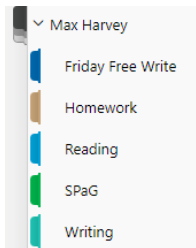


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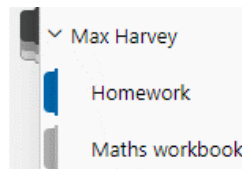


2. You will see different sections to support your child's learning. If you click on your child's name, you should see a range of different sections. We'll be using the homework sections for English and maths for home learning. In our Wider Curriculum notebook, your child may have a task to complete in one of the subject sections.

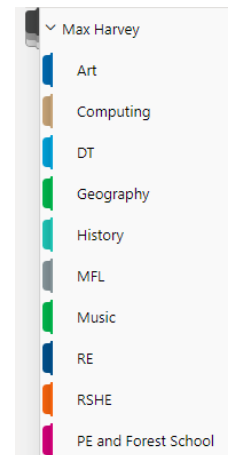
English notebook: Curriculum:



Maths notebook:



Wider



Homework

Each week, your child's homework tasks will be outlined in the **General Channel**. As a general overview, your child will be regularly assigned:

Maths:

Multiplication facts

Your child will have times tables to learn each week. Your child will know which country they are on by looking at their Times Tables Around the World page in their Maths homework section. To practice, visit: www.mathstest.org

Select 'Around the world' and then choose the country you need to practice. Children will be tested in school using mathstest.org on a Thursday.

Weekly maths quiz

As I am sure you have already seen, each week your child will be set a Maths homework task comprised of a series of multiple choice questions, based on the areas we have been learning in class that week. This quiz can be found in the Homework section of your child's Maths notebook.



English:

Spellings

Your child will have spellings to learn each week to be tested on a Thursday. To access their spellings, please visit Spelling City:

<https://www.spellingcity.com/users/MissSquire56>

On the Spelling City website, they will need to find their numbered colour list (their English notebook, Homework section page will show you the latest number and colour of list they are working on). When they have found their list, they can click on 'play games' to practise that week's spellings.

Grammar and reading

Starting this week, your child will have a grammar or reading task to complete each week as part of our continuing revision. Bi-weekly grammar tasks can be found in the Homework section of their English notebook, whilst alternating reading homework will be set via ReadTheory (details of your child's log in details for this site can be found in the Homework section of their English notebook).

Reading

We are challenging children to read at home for 30 minutes each night. Each time they do this, they can move up a place in our Tri-Reading Tournament and work towards getting a prize. We ask them to please record the reading they do using the online reading log in the homework section of the English notebook.

Thank you so much for your support and patience as we get Microsoft Teams working. I know that it is not easy getting started, but once we are up and running it will open up a lot of possibilities, both at home and in the classroom. If you need any help or have any questions, please just let me know.

Kind regards

Miss Squire