



Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Children in Year 6,

My goodness – nobody quite expected this to happen on day one of our brand new term! Everyone is saying that ‘schools are closed’ and, although the actual building is closed for you, the government very much want school to continue at home. Hopefully it won’t be too long before we can all be together again but this certainly won’t stop our awesome new project from going ahead!

PROJECT

Our new project of ‘WE SHALL NEVER SURRENDER!’ will continue online. It will be quite different what I had planned it to look like, but you’ll still end up with a good knowledge of World War II and lots of work to show your understanding. Our Knowledge Organiser is on *Teams* and is also included with this letter (and you’ve got your paper copy at home).

The work that you are producing so far on *Teams* looks fantastic. Remember though, the idea isn’t to rush through it all in one day – the writing you produce should be as long, detailed and accurate as it is when you’re in school. As I have said many times before, don’t worry if your Notebook plays up or won’t load. As long as you do the work and submit it somehow, I really don’t mind. Your parents can also phone the school or email the school at enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk with any problems. However, please do NOT let your parents use your *Teams* account to post messages: the account is yours *not* theirs!

SHOWING US YOUR WORK

As I have said many times to you all, the important thing is that you *do* the work and not necessarily *where* you do it. If you cannot use your Notebook on *Teams*, simply upload documents, screenshots or photos of it onto *Teams*. If all of those options fail, you can also put your name on it and post it through the school letterbox if you live locally. The letterbox is down the side of the school (on the Meeting Room). Me and Mrs Thomas are keeping a record of who has completed their weekly work so make sure you don’t fall behind.

OTHER WORK

Remember to continue using **Times Table Rockstars**, **Bug Club** and any **reading books** you have at home that are appropriate for your age and you enjoy. You know what I’ve said about three million times about reading, right?! You can also use your **Grammar** and **Maths** homework books to complete extra work around the same topic as Maths.

Joe Wicks will also be leading his live 20-minute PE sessions on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 9:00am. I really recommend you do these if you can access YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>).

ORGANISING YOUR WEEK

I'm going to add a timetable to *Teams* next week to help you decide how to organise your week and there's a copy at the end of this letter. The times on there are only a rough guide to help you out! I know that some of you have to share devices so can't stick to the timings suggested. Please do remember that you don't need to spend all day on *Teams* and that you can do the work on different days if it suits you and your family better. What matters is that you do as much of the work as you possibly can.

I will be providing feedback on your work either by posting whole class messages on the Posts part of *Teams*, or by contacting you individually. Please do try and put your work into the correct folders on *Teams* as some of you are putting your work in any old place and it's getting confusing!

We will have a weekly catch up session once per week and I'll always try and give as much notice as possible so that as many of you as possible can make it.

Finally, remember that it's also possible to access *Teams* using the internet browser on your Xbox or PlayStation! You can see all the work on there and either complete it by hand or, if you have a keyboard, you can type it up on there too.

Keep smiling, stay safe and keep working hard. I promise you it is all worth it in the end!

Mr Spendlow

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00	Joe Wicks	Times Tables/TTRs	Joe Wicks	Times Tables/TTRs	Joe Wicks
09:20	Reading Private/Task	Reading Private/Task	Reading Private/Task	Reading Private/Task	Reading Private/Task
09:45	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
10:30	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00	Mini Maths	Mini Maths	Mini Maths	Mini Maths	Mini Maths
11:15	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:00	Science	History (Project)	History (Project)	History (Project)	Outdoor exercise