

Year 6 Gorillas Newsletter: February 2021

I hope everybody had an enjoyable half term break. Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to everybody that has been participating in their online learning. It's important to hit the ground running this half term so that it is an easy transition back to school life, whenever schools are

allowed to re-open for all pupils. Please remind and encourage your child to attend all live lessons; to message me for help if they are unsure about any piece of work; and above all, to try their best.



Before half term, we had our specialist week, 'Wish You Were Here'. Everybody completed some excellent work linked to the history and geography of the United Kingdom. There was also lots of great art work completed. My personal highlight of the week was being the quiz master for our two class quizzes (one about Milton Keynes and one about the UK) which we did as live lessons. All of the children seemed so positive about them and it was great to do a live lesson that wasn't to do with our Maths or English work.

For this half term, whilst schools remain closed to the majority of pupils, a timetable of lessons will be posted every day along with the work that pupils need to complete. Some of these lessons will be live lessons. It is expected that all pupils will be logged onto Google Classroom at 9 o'clock each morning for our first live lesson which will be registration and early work. A second live lesson will take place each day, immediately after registration and early work so your child will not need to do anything to access this live lesson except remain in the live lesson which they were already in. There may be some additional live lessons which your child will need to join in the same way and this will be specified in the daily timetable that will be posted each day.

For some lessons, pupils will need to complete the work on a Google Docs document that they should be familiar with how to use. For other lessons, they will need to complete their work on paper. Any work that is completed on paper should be kept and brought back to school when schools re-open as we would like to stick these pieces of work into books.

This half term, we will be continuing our topic 'Frozen Kingdom'. In Maths, we will be finishing our study of position and movement and then beginning our next unit which will be graphs and averages. We will also be consolidating previous Maths learning throughout this half term. In English,



we will be continuing with our book study of 'The Call of the Wild' and completing other work linked to our topic. As normal, spellings will be set each week to learn and practise.

I look forward to seeing all of the children in person when they are allowed to return to school and in the meantime, I am looking forward to continuing to see them in our live lessons each day.

Kind regards,

Mr Cunningham and the Year 6 team