



Friday January 15th 2021



What a way to start the new year! We hope that you are all well, keeping safe and coping with all that this further lockdown has to offer.

School remains open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children. In the first lockdown, back in March 2020 we averaged around five children a day in school. This time it is more like the partial re-opening of schools before the Summer holidays and we have three bubbles of around 10 -12 children coming in every day.

Because we need to keep these numbers to a safe minimum - to protect the health of teachers, pupils and everyone in our community– we have had to put a limit on these places for the moment.

All of this means that parents, children and teachers are having to work differently and adapt to the idea of learning remotely. I want to personally thank all of the staff in our school who have worked hard throughout this national crisis. They have set up easy to follow routines to allow our children to continue their studies and maintain their progress. As I said in my blog message on Wednesday, it is very pleasing to look at the results of the tests we did in December and see that most of our children have caught up greatly since the September return and are working in line with expectations for their age. This is down to their positive attitude to learning and incredibly hard work. It is also down to the quality teaching they have received. But, let's not forget it is also because of the encouragement and dedication of all of our parents and guardians. You have kept an eye on their home learning, tested them on spellings, helped them with times tables and made sure they have been in school every day. Before Christmas, attendance remained above 96%, which is excellent. I want to acknowledge that and thank you all for your part in their very successful return to school.

So, now this momentum has been gained, it is vital that we do not allow it to slip. It is more important than ever that we make sure all of the children do the remote learning set for them by their teachers. Each day, there is a different set of tasks set on the pupil area for them to access and complete. We are making use of the nationally recognised Oak Academy, Prodigy and White Rose Maths websites to provide structured, fully explained learning on a par with that which they would receive in school. These tools will help your child maintain their progress this year and will continue the standard of education they have been receiving in school.

We know that it is not the same as being in class with their teacher. We know that they are missing the structure of coming to school everyday but be assured that we are doing as much as we can to make learning constructive, fun and most of all, as simple to access as possible.

Thank you for all you are doing at this time. Hopefully, we can return to normal service as soon as possible.

Home Learning

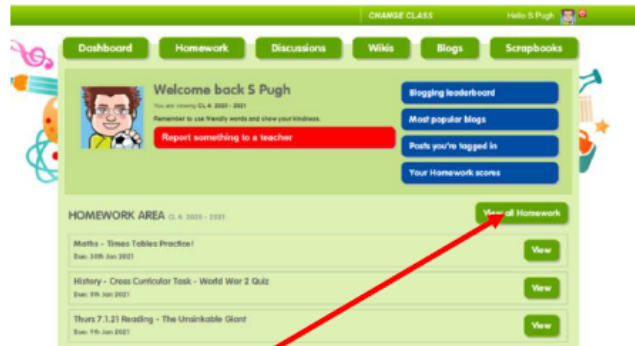


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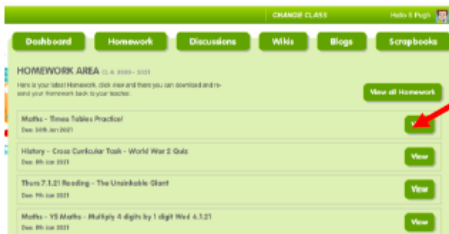
Follow these instructions below if you are unsure of how to access your child's home learning.

Contact Mrs Robinson - busar@archbishophuttons.lancs.sch.uk if you have a problem with login details.

We use the school website to send home our learning activities. You need to log on to the pupil area at the top of the page. You will need your name/password and verification number which is – 111984. If you do it correctly you will see this.

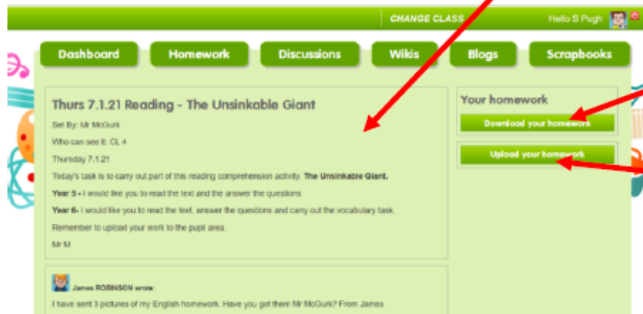


Next, click on View all Homework.



Open a piece of home work.

You will see the information from your teacher. In this section there may be a link to press to open a worksheet, video or website. Click and it will send you to the correct place.



Here is where you download the homework task

When you have done the activity, you can take a photo of it, press this button and follow the instructions to upload and share your work.

If parents need to contact the teachers you can do so on these email addresses.

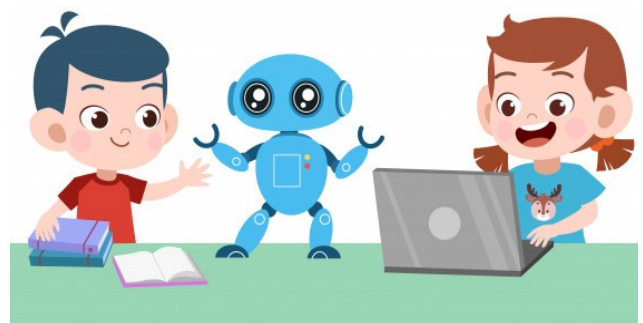
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Please note that any emails, work uploads or other enquiries will only be commented on or replied to during school hours – between 9:00am and 4:30pm.



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If you can not access the work because your internet is down or you have no internet/data/device we may be able to help. Let us know and we will put you on our list. We are able to apply for some devices which can be loaned to help those who do not have one.

If you need exercise books or something photocopying, call and let us know. We will do what we can to make sure everyone at Archbishop Hutton's keeps working and keeps making great progress.

This week Mr McGurk has started trialling some Zoom catch up calls with Class 4. They have been going really well. Our plan is for Class 2 and Class 3 to take part in similar Zoom calls in the next few weeks. We will let you know the details soon.



Writing Challenge



SUPER SQUIRREL

There is danger in the woods - but never fear because **Super Squirrel** is here to keep the peace and save the day. Why not have a go at writing about her wild adventures?

Write: A story about how Sally Squirrel became her alter-ego Super Squirrel. What happened to her? Was she in an experiment? Did she eat a strange super - powered nut? What powers does she have when she becomes Super Squirrel? It could be a story or a diary.

Write: The story of her battle against the evil Mega Toad and the villainous Francine Frog. Think about what dastardly crimes the two have been up to. How did Super Squirrel find out? What did she do to stop them? Create a dramatic battle scene between our hero and these two warty baddies.

Write: Create a gang of Super Heroes who join Sally and the Woodland Avengers. You could draw them. You could create a comic strip, film poster or a comic book cover. You could make Top Trumps of the gang.

I can't wait to read your writing or see your pictures. Have a go and get your Mum or Dad to email it to me - head@archbishophuttons.lancs.sch.uk

Lancaster City Council are administering the Emergency Assistance Grant Scheme within the District, this may be of use to some of you at this time.

The Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant Scheme has been introduced to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essential items due to financial hardship caused by Covid-19. This scheme is temporary. The scheme can help with short-term living costs such as food, gas and electric, essential household appliances and school uniforms. Cash will not usually be awarded.

The eligibility for the scheme is:

- Aged 16 years or over
- A resident of the Lancaster City Council district
- Experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of Covid-19 and not have enough resources to meet your immediate short-term needs
- On a low income or in receipt of one of the following benefits:
 - o Universal Credit
 - o Jobseeker's Allowance
 - o Employment Support Allowance
 - o Income Support
 - o Pension Credit

This is the link to the grant: <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/coronavirus-information/emergency-assistance-grant-scheme>



Lancaster District Community Hub

Supporting our communities

Emergency Assistance Grant Scheme

Do you need help to purchase school uniform, food and other every day essentials or to pay utility bills due to financial hardship caused by Covid-19?

Our Emergency Assistance Grant Scheme could help.



For more information and to apply

Online: www.lancaster.gov.uk/coronavirus

Call: 01524 582000 between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



Reminders

Mrs Robinson can be contacted each day between 9am & 3.30pm by email. Next week she will be in the office on -

Monday and Friday all day

Wednesday and Thursday morning



BBC Bitesize is a great extra resource to help with learning at home. There are lessons on BBC2 every morning and on their website. You can also catch up on iplayer.

Watch out for emails and Blogs from us throughout the week.