



Endeavour Newsletter Autumn 2024

Welcome back to another school year in Endeavour! We hope you had a lovely summer with your families and are back raring to go!

Mrs Patel and I will continue to work with our children this year to support learning as needed. Mrs Lever will also be working in Endeavour on a Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Price on a Thursday afternoon.

Year Topic Overview:

Term	Topic	Novel/nonfiction Text
Autumn 1	That's Class - classic novels	Boy at the Back of the Class (PSHE text to start the year with a theme of being inspirational) Treasure Island Persuasive letters Song Lyrics Black History Month - trail blazers and re-writing history
Autumn 2	To the Rescue?	Safiyyah's War Macbeth Texts about the heart and Lungs (nonfiction.)
Spring 1	A Great British Explore Off	I can stand out (Inspiration PSHE) Beowulf Leaflets and advertising
Spring 2	The Power and the Glory	Anglo Saxon Boy
Summer 1	All Aboard!	Titanic - non fiction Link to detective fiction too with Murder Most Unladylike - Death Sets Sail Discussion writing
Summer 2	Life's a Beach!	Albert and the Lion Sleepover Takeover

Details of this can also be found on our class webpage where you will find information about the long term plan for the year and about our latest topic. On our class webpage you will see our three driving words that underpin our first topic. These are selected with the aim of up-leveilling the vocabulary of the children. Our first three words are: **classic, generation and spearhead.**



- **High school**

The deadline for Year 6 to apply for high school is a short one, normally at the end of October. We work closely with local high schools to keep you posted on upcoming open evenings. Many high schools also send adverts home through school. We also ask high school teachers to visit us in school and chat to the children either virtually or in person. We would strongly recommend that Year 5 also attend any open evenings provided as this gives time to consider this decision. Meet the Teacher evening will provide you with all the dates that you need. Copies of the slides are on our class webpage. The date for secondary school application online is 31st October 2024 and this countrywide.

High School	Dates
Penwortham Girls'	3 rd October
Penwortham Priory	19 th September
All Hallows Catholic School	26 th September
Hutton Grammar CE	3 rd October
Bishop Rawstorne CE	26 th September
Tarleton Academy	2 nd October

- **Min Y Don 2025**

Yes, Min Y Don is back this year! Our three-day residential will take place between the 5th and the 7th of March 2025. Mrs Bradshaw will be contacting you shortly via letter to gauge interest and set up details of payments.

- **SATS Week 2025**

This will be week beginning 12th May 2025

Monday - Grammar, spelling and punctuation

Tuesday - Reading

Wednesday - Maths arithmetic and reasoning 1

Thursday - Maths reasoning 2



Curriculum News in Endeavour:

- **Reading:**

It is vital that your child reads every night both for pleasure and a focused read - maybe something of your choice. Children will have a banded book that they read with you and another book that they read for pleasure. We will be changing books on a Monday and Thursday as this worked well for the children, giving more of a set routine. I am aware that some avid readers have books on the go from home for pleasure. That is fine - we want you to love what you are reading.

We are also using reading records as homework diaries this year.

Passwords for T T Rock Stars are in here or on homework folders.

- **Times Tables for fluency - children can be accurate, efficient and flexible:**

We will be testing times tables on a weekly basis as children are expected to have recall of up to 12x12. We will be using Times Table Rockstars to help promote a fluent recall of times tables. On our first days in school, we will be conducting baseline assessments and setting children into groups. Their practice is then specifically tailored to their needs. The tables will be set right up to October half term and change weekly. For tailored practice, your child should be using the Garage Sessions. Parents are then able to see what times tables their child is working on. If your child finds the timer stressful, use jamming sessions that do not have this facility.



- **Spelling:**

Spellings will be sent out every Monday. We will have three sessions in class across the week where we will review the spelling rules being taught and this year we will continue to combine this with our handwriting scheme called Letter Join.

Children will have the opportunity in class to learn their spellings 3 times a week but we will be emphasising that this does not replace work at home. Spellings are tailored for individual need and year group. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

- **Grammar:** We teach grammar daily in class and each week a homework task will be set linked to this using white CPG grammar books that are tailored for the individual year group.



Homework:

Please see the attached sheet for you to pin up at home which has all the details that you need about homework. Homework Club is open to everyone and runs from 3.20pm until 3.45pm every Monday. Spellings and reading will still need to be continued at home.

- **PE:** Our formal PE sessions this half term are on Wednesday and Friday. As we aim to be outside as much as we can, your child is welcome to bring plain blue or black jogging trousers to keep warm. Year 5 will be enjoying Forest School as part of PE this first half term and will need wellies and waterproofs every Friday. Long trousers and sleeves are recommended.

All the staff who work in Endeavour Class are here to support your family as much as we can. We are always available to speak to as you need either on the gate at the beginning and end of the day, via Dojo pm or on the phone.

We are all really looking forward to sharing our survival learning journey with you.

Mrs Cookson and Team Endeavour!

Quick Glance Homework Guide - Endeavour

Monday



- grammar book due in and new task out all linked with current grammar learning in class.
- T T Rock Stars change over day online
- Spelling test and new spellings out
- Reading book change day.

Tuesday

- N/A

Wednesday

- PE Kits needed.

Thursday

- Reading book change.

Friday

- P.E. Kit needed and Year 5 Forest School