



Welcome Back Jane Austen!

We have now had two weeks settling back into Jane Austen. Everything at the moment feels the same as before but different as well! The children have settled into their new routines and learning very smoothly – Mrs King, Miss Young and myself have all been very proud of their efforts so far. Year 6 especially have been wowing us with the memory of how to read, count and write in Roman Numerals and Year 5s have been pushing themselves to have a go at some of the Year 6 work!

Thank you to all of you who have remembered to wear your leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers on our two PE days (**Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**). It is suggested that the children wear their white t-shirt and normal school sweatshirt on top, rather than a PE top, especially as it gets colder as we move into October and Autumn proper.

Please feel free to contact me on the Jane Austen email for any queries:

janeausten@broadwindsor.dorset.sch.uk, this email will be checked daily Monday-Friday during the week. We'll try and make sure we reply as soon as possible, but certainly within 24 hours.

We'll also be continuing to share examples of the children's work as we did through lockdown through the class twitter account:

[@JaneAustenBroadwindsor](https://twitter.com/JaneAustenBroadwindsor)

We will share work and photos on the same basis you've already given permission for your child for Internet publication (e.g. school website) and other publishing outside of school (e.g. newspapers). If you're not sure please check with the school office.



At the moment we are trying to limit the amount of 'stuff' (books, clothes etc.) that travel to and from school at the moment due to the COVID Department for Education guidance. This means that we will have to alter slightly how we do reading and homework for the moment.

Reading

We have re-tested the children's reading level again for Accelerated Reader which means we have an idea for where their *current* level is. We have let the children choose 2 library books from within their reading level. One is for home and the second is to stay in school. Once the home reading book has been read, it should be returned to school and be placed in the 72hours waiting box, so it can be returned to the library. The quiz associated with the



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book could be done at home or in school. We will check reading levels more frequently than we normally would do, as all the children get back up to speed with regular habits and school routines.

Children are welcome to read other books, such as their own books, outside their library reading range, but they need to take in count that there could be either too little or too much challenge with them.

Homework

At the moment we will not be sending homework home. Instead we are asking for homework to be done 'online' over the next few weeks, each child will be given their own secure 'email' account on the school's Microsoft Teams account. We will be able to upload any learning we want the children to do as well as direct internet links, video clips and photos. More information to follow shortly.

For the moment I will set a maths challenge every fortnight on Sumdog covering the current or previous maths topic. This will include examples from Years 3 and 4 to allow children to recap they may have missed during lockdown or wish to go over again.

The first challenge has been set on Place Value, called 'Perfect Place Value' which will end on Monday 28th September.

Spelling

At the moment the children are learning from either the Year 3&4 or the Year 5&6 statutory spellings plus their own individually chosen common miss-spelt words in school. As we are trying to avoid paper and books going to and from school, we will be sending home to keep a copy of both the statutory words together with some of the different strategies to learn which we have been practising at school. Most of these strategies are also suitable for those pupils who have dyslexic type difficulties with spelling.

Lastly, I have also put together a rough overview of the whole term's learning for this Autumn.

Any problems, questions or queries – please just ask.

Many thanks

Mr. Draper, Miss Young & Mrs King