

Dear Parents,

I hope the first week of confinement went as well as can be expected! We know this is a very strange and surreal situation that we are all facing and we are all trying our best to make it work.

We are learning our way around the online learning system and it is very trial and error as we try to ensure a realistic work balance for our CM1 pupils. Alongside our class novel, we have created a Titanic learning grid so the children can choose a task that interests them and be creative about how they present it.

We are aware that the amount of screen time is a problem, so have taken that into consideration and are trying to give the choice to our CM1 students so some activities can be completed offline. We are also aware that this is a very stressful time for families as you all try and juggle family life and work/ school commitments. We will post work/ tasks along with the amount of time that we believe each task should take (to make the equivalent of 6 hours a week). However, we do not want parents or children to feel pressured by the workload so after that time is up, we suggest leaving a task unfinished. Our students can contact us in school hours if they need additional help or need to inform us that they can not complete all of the tasks.

There will be google meets that will take place weekly. During these meetings, we will be answering any questions our pupils have and guiding them through the tasks. These meets are recorded and after the meet all participants of the meeting are emailed a link to view the meeting. The link is then shared with the students who could not be present so that they can see what was discussed and what questions were asked. Please send us an email if you do not want your child to take part in the meets.

The scheduled google meet times for next week are:

Tuesday 24th March 10:45- 11:15- During this meet we will be explaining this week's work and our students will have the opportunity to ask any questions. This is mandatory and all pupils should be present. Please contact me if your child is unable to attend.

Tuesday 24th March 11h30- 12h30 Kensuke's Kingdom book discussion, chapters: 1, 2 and 3. This is not mandatory, if students want to attend they need to inform their teacher via email.

Friday 27th March 15h30- 16h30 Class discussion- who was responsible for the Titanic disaster? This is mandatory and all students should be present. Please contact me if your child is unable to attend.

Our students have been informed that no Google Meet sessions should be set up by the students, their teachers set up the meetings. Dates and times are then posted in Google Classroom, and the teacher shares the meeting code via a link.

Please see the CM1 weekly learning timetable attached to this email. This information is shared with our students via Google Classroom.

All emails and important information that have been sent home to parents can be found on the school website: <https://csianglo.org/>

Sending lots of patience and strength from our homes to yours,

Miss Bellanca and Miss Higgs

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