

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5/6. We are delighted to see everyone back again and we hope you have all had a lovely holiday.

Curriculum

Our Geography topic this term will cover aspects of Mapping, including symbols, compass points, grid references and route planning. Our Crime and



Punishment topic is a brief history of crimes throughout the ages and how they were dealt with in comparison to today. In science we will look at the classification of living

things and then revise electricity after half term.



Preparation

This Year there is a lot of preparation for both SATs and secondary school for our year 6 cohort, and moving through Upper KS2 for our year 5 children. We are encouraging the children to become increasingly independent and to organise themselves so that they are ready to learn. While I will remain the main teacher across the week, the children will benefit from working with some other members of staff on a Thursday and Friday who will teach their specialism such as PE, Music and computing.

Year 6 will be given maths, reading, and grammar homework in addition to spellings. Year 5 will continue to have the reading and maths activities that will be similar to when I took over the class last year. Homework will be set on a **Friday** and should be returned **NO LATER** than the following **Thursday**.

If you are unsure about how to do the homework, please encourage the children to look on You Tube, or Google it, as there are many short videos and examples that will help.

Reading must continue to be a priority and we will be encouraging the children to read daily at school and at home. We would ask you to initial their diaries to say that they have done so at least weekly. We have some specific Upper KS2 texts in the classroom that we will be encouraging the children to read throughout the year.

The children will have PE Thursday and Friday and it would be helpful if they kept some trainers in school as there are sometimes other opportunities for PE. We would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to use deodorant daily as they can get quite hot and sweaty during exercise!

Trips and Visits

We are very much looking forward to our Year 6 trip to Alton Castle on 18th September- it is coming round very quickly!

We are also hoping to visit London and the Houses of Parliament in the summer term, particularly as it didn't work out last year! More details of this will come in the Lent term.

Equipment

It would be helpful if the children could bring a small pencil case, containing a rubber, pencil sharpener, a selection of coloured pencils and glue stick.

If children bring mobile phones to school they will be collected at the beginning of the school day, put in our basket and given back at home time. If your child makes their own way to or from school, please make sure that you have completed the permission form and returned it to school so we have an up to date list.

I look forward to working closely with you again this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us by writing in their personal planner or message me on Dojo.

Best wishes

Mr Moreton and the Year 6 team.