

Year 6 September 2014

Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and a good start to the new term. The information below is supposed to give you an initial idea about the year ahead and will hopefully be helpful.

Topics for the year

This year, we will be starting to look at different enquiry questions to guide our work in Humanities and Science.

Term 1: How does conflict affect people's lives?

Term 2: Why do people evacuate?

Term 3: Why were the colonies good places to settle?

Term 4: How do our bodies work?

Term 5: Why do organisms evolve?

Term 6: Choice topic (details to be confirmed)

If you are able to help at all with any of these topics, it will be greatly appreciated. Please come and talk to me, if interested.

PE

We will be doing swimming on Monday afternoons until the beginning of February. PE is taking place on Friday afternoons. Please make sure your child has a swimming kit and PE kit in school for these days. If your child is unable to take part, please let me know or send in a note.

Spelling & Maths badges

The children have been given their personal spelling lists at the beginning of this year. They should aim to learn and complete one column per week. However, they will not be allowed to move to the next column until they have spelt all of their words correctly in their spelling test. I will aim to re-assess and possibly adjust spelling list levels once a term. Lost spelling lists can be found on the class blog in the English section.

We are aiming to complete maths badges once a week.

Homework

Your child has been supplied with a homework folder for this year. Unlike in the previous year, they are expected to have their folder with them daily. (They still have a week to complete homework!) To begin with, the folder will include Science homework and their spelling list. Homework in the first term has a grammar focus. Please see the attached homework timetable to find out when different pieces of homework are due in.

Reading

Children should have their reading book bag in school every day. They need to have book bags that are school ones or the same size as the school ones as we do not have room to store any that are bigger than this.

The children are being encouraged to have a reading book (fiction, if possible) to hand throughout the day. They will be able to select books from the library or from the bookshelf in class. However, they might prefer to bring in their own books from home. Additionally, they are also being asked to complete reading homework tasks online.

School uniform

Please make sure that children are wearing school uniform and that all school uniform, including PE kit, is labelled with their name.

Non-contact time

My regular planning time for this year will be on Thursday afternoons. During this time, Mrs Noble will be covering my class and she will mostly be following my planning for Art, Music and DT.

Blog

To give you a better idea of what Year 6 are up to throughout the day, support their organisation of homework and encourage work at home, I am currently developing our class blog. This should help you to keep up with homework tasks and possibly lost letters, as much as possible. The website can be found here: <http://cammyyear6.weebly.com>

If you have any questions, worries or concerns at all throughout the year, please feel free to come and see me.

Thank you,

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