

Year 6 - Term 2 - 2014/15

Dear Parents,

The first term of Year 6 is already over and all of the class have settled back in very well. Thank you very much for the support so far.

Next term, we will be concentrating on two different enquiry questions. In Humanities, we will be continuing with our work in history and consider the question: "*Why do people evacuate?*" It would be really helpful, if you **brought in a small empty cardboard box** (about the size of a tissue box) after half term.

In Science, we are going to concentrate on light and sight, investigating the question: "*How does light move?*" To help with this, **please bring in any empty glass jars** you might have at home.

PE

We will continue with 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. Due to the weather getting colder, please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear available. 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. In some cases, these have been updated already and the children might have been given a new list to work from. 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 most of their words correctly in their spelling test (they are allowed to make one mistake). 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!) In term 2, the homework focus will switch back to Maths - with a particular focus on mental maths in most cases. Please see the attached homework timetable

for the term. (The timetable and a weekly overview of homework set can be found on the class blog.)

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. They should aim to read for at least one hour per week and complete the reading comprehension tasks online. Additionally, they are also being asked to complete two book reviews per term. In addition to this, we will also aim to visit the local library throughout the term, giving children the opportunity to access a wider range of texts.

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, please refer to 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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