

Year 6 - Term 5 - 2014/15

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 4 appears to have flown by, which means that Treginnis and the KS2 tests are nearly upon us.

After our return from Treginnis, we will focus on revision and preparation for SATs, which will only be about three weeks away. During this time, please support your child in the completion of any homework set and encourage them to practise their basic skills (speed recall of multiplication and division facts; quick mental computations; definitions and identification of key grammatical terminology, etc.)

Treginnis

We will be leaving for Treginnis on the first Monday back after the Easter break (13th April 2015). Please ensure that your child arrives with their packed bag at school by about 8.30am. On the morning, we will also be collecting:

- Any remaining medication - in a plastic bag and labelled with your child's name/instructions. (If your child needs travel sickness tablets, please ensure that these have been given before departure and provide them with tablets for the return journey on Friday.)
- Any pocket money. (Please put money in a sealed and named envelope and hand it to Mrs Noble in the morning.)
- The letter you have written for your child.
- Cereal bars for the week. (Please try to avoid bars containing nuts. If your child has special dietary requirements, please have their bars in a separate named plastic bag.)

PE

PE will be taking place on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school for these days. Due to the weather, 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

For spelling, we are beginning to look at spelling patterns used in previous SAT papers. The children will be getting a double-sided spelling sheet per week, which is linked to our revision work in class. In addition to the spelling lists, all past SATs spelling tests we are completing are being sent home. Please encourage your child to take a look at the words they have found difficult.

We are aiming to complete maths badges once a week. Quick recall of multiplication and division facts and a secure basis in number manipulation are important, so please support your children in preparing for their maths badges tests.

Homework

In term 5, we will continue to use the homework to reinforce work completed in class in preparation for national tests in May. They will receive two pieces of SPaG and Maths per week in addition to their spelling sheet. (The timetable and a weekly overview of homework set can be found on the class blog.) Additionally, any completed SPaG practice papers are sent home. If your child consistently struggles with these, please either attempt to support them with the areas of grammar they are having difficulty with or let me know, so that I can help at school. (Please remind them to actually read through the instructions on the front of the sheet first of all.)

Reading

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.

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 will move to Monday afternoons for the summer term. During this time, Mrs Noble will continue to cover my class and she will mostly be following my planning for Art 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, please feel free to come and see me.

Thank you,

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