Year 6 - Term 6 - 2014/15

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been an eventful term. SATs are over and we are getting closer to the end of the year - and your children's time at Luckwell. Thank you very much for all the support, which has certainly contributed to keeping everyone calm during test week.

Next term, our enquiry question will be: "What does the future hold?" We will be covering science fiction as a genre in English and begin to investigate different professions, meaning that our work will be linked to finding out about wages, taxes, bills and budgets. As part of this, we will visit Bath Spa University and take part in the 'My future, my choice' shipbuilding event for the Bristol Harbour Festival. If you are willing to accompany us on any of the trips or would be happy to come in and talk to the children about your work, please let me know.

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE)

In term 6, we will also continue the work on developing the children's understanding of relationships and reproduction. Our work will build on the units covered in the previous year and help them gain a better understanding of the development of the foetus, the birth and the needs of a newborn. If you have any concerns about this or wish to withdraw your child from these sessions, please speak to me.

PE

PE will continue take 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, as well as a water bottle and cap. If your child is unable to take part, please let me know or send in a note.

Maths badges

We will continue with 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 6, homework will take the form of extended projects, to help the children prepare for more independent work and research. Our first project will be linked to their enquiry question and hopefully culminate in a presentation about a chosen profession. Further information about this task will go out at the beginning of term 6.

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 (otherwise, they don't believe me that it's actually theirs). Furthermore, please encourage your children to check the changing rooms and lost property carefully for their belongings.

Non-contact time

My regular planning time will continue to be on Monday afternoons for the summer term. During this time, Mrs Noble will 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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