

20th July 2022

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of this academic year, we are turning our thoughts to next year and welcoming our new year 5 children to the upper key stage two phase, as well as settling our new year 6 children in to their important role of being top of the school, with the responsibility that goes with it. We thought you might find it useful to see what we hope will be happening next year, as well as giving you an overview of homework, P.E. and other important aspects.

Term 1 Topic

Our topic will be **Ancient Greece** where we study the geography and history of Greece and the legacy of some important Greek events and people. We will use Greek myths and legends as a stimulus for our writing in English and have a go at recreating Greek pots in art. Please see the topic web for further information.

Year 6 Residential Trip

During term 1, from the 10th – 14th October, most of the Year 6 children will be on their residential to the Red Ridge Outdoor Activity Centre, near Welshpool in Wales. We will be in contact soon with information including the kit list and will require you to complete some medical and dietary requirement forms. Please check for these emails in the coming weeks.

Trips

As part of our Harry Potter topic in terms 3 and 4, we are very much hoping to run a trip to the Harry Potter Studios in Watford, near London. We are still looking at potential dates, however we think this will be in early March. We will send out information about costings and timings when we have finalised our plans.

P.E.

Year 5 will have outdoor P.E. every **Monday** and Year 6 will have it every **Thursday**. Please send your child in wearing full PE kit on these days, like this year, as we have found this to work well.

Please ensure PE kit adheres to our school policy, as found on our website:

- Velcro or lace-up **trainers**.
- Socks
- **Black shorts**
- **Plain white t-shirt**
- In colder weather, a plain dark sweatshirt or fleece and dark tracksuit trousers with no logos may be worn.
- Football kits are **not** allowed.

Homework

Maths homework and weekly spellings will be given out every Friday in years 5 and 6, and the children will be tested the following Friday, so please support your child in making sure they have completed their homework. Spellings should be practised every evening though the Look, Cover, Write, Check sheets we use, ready for testing on the Friday.

Times tables should be practised regularly. The children have logins for Times Tables Rockstars, which should also help them. We also expect your child to read every day for around 10 minutes and for this to be recorded in their reading record. They are usually ready to read by themselves and record their reading at this age – you would only need to sign to say that they have done so. Reading prizes can be claimed after every 50 reads.

Please note: Year 6 homework expectations will change later in the year and more information will follow about this nearer the time.

Start and Finish times

Year 5 and Year 6 Start: 8.40am KS2 playground – teachers will ring the bell as a signal to line up. When the children are in line, the teacher will then bring them into school.

Year 5 End: 3.15pm KS2 playground – teachers lead them down. Parents, please wait in the KS2 playground for your child (Friday at 1.35pm).

Year 6 End: 3.15pm - the children will leave by the door near 6BF and will be led by a member of staff along past the KS1 classrooms and out of the gate near the front main gates (Friday at 1.35pm).

Medication

If your child uses an inhaler for asthma, or has any other type of medication that can be administered in school as part of a care plan, please ensure that your child brings this in and gives it to their new teacher.

We look forward to a busy but exciting year ahead. We will see all the children back at school on **Monday 5th September**. We wish you all a wonderful summer break.

With best wishes,

The Year 5/6 team

Miss Chew (Phase Leader), Mrs Kidd and Miss Rajska (Year 5)

Mr Ballard and Miss Farrell (Year 6)