

Dear parents

23rd July 2018

As we approach the end of this academic year, we are turning our thoughts also to next year and welcoming our new year 5s to the upper key stage two phase, as well as settling our new year 6s in to their important role of being top of the school, with the responsibility that goes with that role.

We thought you might find it useful to see what will be happening in Term 1, as well as giving you an overview of trips arranged so far.

Term 1

Our topic will be the **Ancient Greeks**, so we invite the children to prepare a homework project based on this period in our history. Any type of creative medium can be used – paintings, drawings, models, power-points, animated films, fact files, artefacts.... Whatever inspires your child the most.

Please look at our full topic cycle under Curriculum on our website for full details of the curriculum planned – we will be in the first year cycle in September.

Trips and visits

To enable you to budget for your child this year, please see below a summary of the trips we hope to run and the approximate costs:

In term 1 many of year 6 will be spending five days at Red Ridge Outdoor Education Centre in Wales, from 8th to 12th October. This trip is already being paid for through Parentpay.

In term 3, we are very excited about our new topic, **Harry Potter**, which will include a visit to Harry Potter World for both year groups. J K Rowling is one of the best-selling authors in the world, and the movie franchise is the second highest-grossing. We will be exploring how a basic story of good versus evil has become so popular, and look behind the scenes at how the movies are made. The cost of this trip will be around £35.

In term 5 Year 6 will visit Thorpe Park as a reward for their hard work in the run-up to SATs. The approximate cost of this trip is £28.

In term 6 some year 6 children will visit Berlin, and the cost of this trip is approximately £470.

We hope to include another trip for year 5 at some point during the year.

P.E.

Year 6 will have Sportsworks every **Monday** and **Year 5** will have it every **Thursday**. Please ensure full PE kits are in school on these days. There may be opportunities for additional PE sessions on other days, so PE kits should be in school Monday to Friday, please.

Further information will follow in September regarding weekly homework, spellings and so on.

We look forward to a busy but exciting year. We will see all the children on the first day back, **Tuesday 4th September**, and wish you all a wonderful summer break.

With best regards,

The Year 5 & 6 team