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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

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First of all welcome back to the start of a special and exciting year for your child, their last in primary school with all its many experiences and responsibilities. This is an important year for many reasons, not least that the children are the oldest and hopefully the most reliable in school. We always stress to the children that they should make the most of every opportunity made available to them over the coming year, as life will never be quite the same as they move on to the next phase of their education.

Our Learning

The long-term plan for the Y6 children's learning for this term and this year including the new themes they are part of is available on the website, along with half-termly overviews of the objectives covered in each subject.

Useful Resources to Support Learning

Hopefully, information will be uploaded onto the website for subjects to show a range of internet sites/ideas to use at home with your child. Please do have a look.

Getting Involved

You will always be welcomed into the classroom to support the children. Something as simple as listening to children read and questioning them about it is invaluable to us and also useful for you when you work at home with your child.

Anyone with skills or knowledge related to our topics please feel free to volunteer your expertise

Important Dates & Events

I need to tell you of two events in the Summer Term that you will want to keep your diaries clear for (ie no booking holidays):

SATS take place the week of **8th May 2017** There will be national tests in reading, spelling/grammar/punctuation, maths, and, if we are required to this year, science. Writing is assessed throughout the year.

The trip to Boggle Hole– a memorable week and many children’s highlight of the school year – will take place from **Friday 7th to Tuesday 11th July**. It would be a wonderful end to the year, sharing it with friends before moving on, and it would be fantastic if everyone was involved.

Parents Evening is on **Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October**.

Don’t forget to visit the Book Fair from **Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st October**.

The Y5/6 performance ‘The Wizard of Oz’ will be staged on the evenings of **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd November at 6pm**.

Our class will head to Sheffield Motorpoint Arena to take part in a huge school choir concert on **Wednesday 11th January 2017** for the whole day, and evening.

Any other information

To prepare for secondary school, the children are given regular and manageable amounts of homework, most of which is done in a homework book. It would be great if you could look at their homework book with them. It can be used for you to write comments and notes in as a form of home-school communication. Please tell me if the work is too difficult or easy for your child, or if you require any tips for helping your child with homework.

Homework is given on Friday to be in by Tuesday, although there may be times when it is given and required in other days. It is recommended they do the bulk of the work over the weekend, when it is fresh in their mind, rather than leaving it to a stressful last-minute Monday night.

Please feel free to help your child with their homework although I do need to see what they are capable of independently. If they are confused or stuck, they can clarify things on Monday with the Y6 staff: better to use that time than leave it and say ‘I couldn’t do it’ on the Tuesday. If homework is not handed in on time, they will be required to stay in to do the work on Tuesday.

And finally, if there is anything you want to know about: Y6 in general, the coming year, homework, or how you can help your child at home please come and see me, or e-mail me, or phone me at school. Home-school communication is vital to do the best for the children I will happily see you whenever I can, if available. If I am not around, then please do talk to the Y6 teaching assistant, Mrs. Lockwood, for advice or for her to pass a message on.

You can contact me via e-mail at philip.martinez@york.gov.uk which I endeavour to check regularly. If you haven’t received a prompt reply, then do ring school, or pop in, or send a letter. I tend to do most of my communication via e-mail, so would find it really useful if you sent me your e-mail in case I needed it at any point.

Please also remember the school website where there will be information, you can ask questions and see what your child has been doing in class.

I’m sure this has given you an insight into the year ahead, and that together we can make it a rewarding and memorable last year at the school for us all to treasure.

Phil Martinez