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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting year for your child – their final year in Primary School! The children will have many additional responsibilities such as being a Prefect or a School Monitor. These roles will involve helping and supporting the younger children in school, organising resources for collective worship and being an excellent role model for others. Mrs Lockwood is working in Year 6 as a Teaching Assistant and will be covering PPA time each Thursday afternoon.

Our Learning

A curriculum overview will be attached to the website which outlines topics and areas of study for the year ahead. Additionally, every half-term there will be a Thematic Overview uploaded to the website which breaks down the topic areas that I will be teaching. This term the themes are the following:

- What is a hero?
- Who was the most evil king or queen?

You will be able to access curriculum overviews, copies of letters and information about events on the school website. We do share photographs and videos on our web page - please notify the school office if you do not want pictures or videos of your child to be used. In addition, activities in the classroom may sometimes involve children baking or eating so it is very important that you let us know at the start of the year if your child has any food allergies or if you do not want them to be involved in food tasting.

In Year 6 each child has their own locker near to their classroom which is for larger items such as coats and PE kits. Reading books and records need to be brought into the classroom at the start of each day. Please ensure that if your child has a pencil case in school that it is small enough to fit into their tray, as these can sometimes be problematic!

PE sessions will take place at the following times.

PE	Tuesdays – Netball	Wednesdays – Fitness and Games (Dave Scoreby)
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Occasionally, there may be impromptu PE activities or changes in the timetable so it is advisable to leave P.E. kits in school all week and take them home to wash at the weekend. The school PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt and black shorts (football kits are not appropriate for PE sessions). Trainers will be needed for outdoor PE and perhaps a tracksuit or black jogging bottoms

for the colder months. A waterproof will be required for wet days as the children go out in all weathers and a spare pair of socks would be helpful to have in school at all times. Earrings must be removed for all PE sessions. Please notify me in writing or by e-mail in advance if your child is unable to participate in PE for any reason. I would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring that your child is well-equipped and organised for school this term; the children have approached their new class confidently and are settling in well.

Homework

All homework will be relevant to the learning being taught in school and the children will always receive feedback. Set homework this term will be the following:

- **Monday:** All children will receive a list of spellings to practise at home alongside a homework task linked to the spelling rule. Please sign their spelling homework book and remind your child to return it each Friday.
- **Thursday:** Maths and English homework will be set which is to be handed in on the following Tuesday. Tasks may consist of a written piece of work or an online activity, e.g. TT Rockstars. In addition, tables and mental maths activities are also very important, so practise at home is really beneficial.

Homework	Set	Due in
Maths and English	Thursday	Tuesday (the following week)
Spellings	Monday	Friday

Reading

Our aim in school is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment; therefore, children will read most days at school. All children have a Reading Record Book and I would be grateful if you could date whenever your child reads with you. The children are working hard to learn and understand a wide range of 'new' vocabulary that will support them in writing and in the understanding of reading comprehensions. Please encourage your child to ask if they are unsure of the meaning of a word or guide them towards a dictionary. The robbery books being used in school are for collecting new vocabulary to enhance learning.

Additional Information

- Y6 Topic Celebration – Friday 18th October at 2.30pm
- Y5/6 performances of 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan' will be held on both Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November at 6pm.
- Boggle Hole (Year 6 residential) will take place on **Monday 22nd June – Thursday 25th June 2019**. Additional information will follow in due course.
- Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments are timetabled from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2020.

Getting Involved

You will always be welcomed into the classroom to support the children in their learning. Something as simple as listening to children read and questioning them about their books is invaluable to us in school. If you would like to volunteer to help in school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please come and see me as soon as possible if you have any concerns regarding your child, however trivial they may seem. I am always happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time. I have included my e-mail for any non-urgent issues and I will endeavour to reply to these as soon as possible (usually 1 to 2 days). Anyone needing a quick response should phone the school in the usual way.

I am looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning!

Yours sincerely,

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