

6 January 2019

Dear Parents and carers,

Spring 1: Year 6 Curriculum Letter

Homework/Reading - Children should be reading daily and recording this in their yellow journals. Homework will continue to be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due in on Wednesdays. Each child has been given a homework folder, homework book and reading book. Homework needs to be completed in the homework book and returned in the folder. Each week the children will also be tested on 20 words. This term 10 words will be based on the spelling rule they have focused on that week and the other 10 words will be randomly selected. All children have logins to Mathletics where they can complete tasks and activities set. Children who have access to Lexia are encouraged to complete this at home. *Children who do not complete their homework (including the reading) will be asked to complete it during Friday lunchtime.*

Phones- Children need to hand in and switch off their phone at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Phones are not permitted during the school day or after-school clubs. Please note that the children attending after-school clubs must collect their phone from the box at 3.20pm and hand them to the designated adult at after-school club.

Pencil cases- Please ensure your child brings their pencil case to school daily. Pencil cases should contain at least one HB pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue and coloured pencils. *Pencil cases must be replenished by parents as the school does not have the resources to replace missing items.*

Curriculum

Maths - We will continue to be breaking down our maths lessons into two parts. Firstly, we will have a short arithmetic lesson focusing on basic number skill, the four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages. For our reasoning lessons we will be focusing on coordinates, symmetry, word problems, statistics and algebra.

Literacy – We will be using the book 'Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp' by Philip Pullman to support our English writing. This term will focus on a wide range of writing styles including diary entries, newspaper reports and fictional writing. Each week we will cover a different spelling rule to improve the children's spelling. We will also be teaching separate Grammar lessons to help prepare the children for the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar paper.

IPC – Our topic is 900AD Early Islamic civilisation. We will be focusing on the historical significance as well as applying our geography skills to investigate aspects of the topic

Science – In Science we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will also be looking at classification systems.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will be looking at Islamic faith, customs and lifestyle.

PE – The children will have outdoor P.E. on Mondays and indoor PE on Tuesdays. Please remember to name all PE clothing and ensure your child has the correct clothing in school.

Class Reader- Our class book this term will be 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. If your child has a copy of the book, they are more than welcome to bring it in with them and follow along in class. At the end of the term we would like to show the children the film version of the book. It is rated a PG- please let us know if you are unhappy for your child to watch the film.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We can be available most days before and after school or alternatively you can make an appointment through the office if this not convenient.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Smith (6S and Year 6 Phase Leader), Miss Couch (6C) and Ms Ellery (Assistant Head)