



13 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer.

Children need to arrive in school between 8.40 and 8.55 am. After this time, the top playground's doors will close, and children will have to go through the main building to register with the office as late. For those parents collecting, this will also be the case for the top playground door until 3.30 pm, after which the children will need to be collected from the office. We have a record of which children are allowed to travel to and from school independently, without your permission we will not allow any child to travel home independently. Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school.

**Homework** - This will be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due in on Wednesdays. Each child has been given a homework folder and homework. Each week homework will be sent home relevant to your child's learning and will be English and Maths related. Homework needs to be completed in the homework book and returned inside the folder. Each week, the children will also be tested on 20 spelling words. In their homework folder, you will find their spelling book which will contain the results from their spelling tests. If your child does not understand anything, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Reading** - To be undertaken daily and recorded in their yellow reading journals. Books can be borrowed from school or brought in from home. Reading journals will be monitored weekly by your child's class teacher.

**Phones**- Children must hand in their phones at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Phones are not permitted during the school day. This also applies to other smart devices.

**Pencil cases**- Please ensure your child brings their pencil case to school daily. Pencil cases should contain HB pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue and coloured pencils (handwriting pens will be provided by the school).

## Curriculum

**Maths** - This term will start with focussing on children's understanding of number, place value and revising the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be answering arithmetic questions every day to ensure this is embedded.

**English** - We will be focussing on persuasive writing this term and will write a variety of different text-types within this topic. This will include: a persuasive letter, a travel brochure and an advert and will link to our IPC topic of 'The Holiday Show'. There will also be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). In SPAG we will be looking at commas, semi-colons, clauses, different sentence openers and learning the keywords for year 5 and 6.

**IPC** - Our topic is 'The Holiday Show'. We will be using our geography skills to look at other countries and compare them to the UK. They will be improving their map skills, understanding how to read co-ordinates and understand the difference between human and physical geography.

**Science** - We will be learning about light this half term through a range of theory and practical lessons.

**RE-** We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will be learning about Christianity and exploring sacred texts and inspirational writing.

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

**Computing-** The focus for this half-term will be E-safety and creating presentations using software such as Microsoft Powerpoint.

Once again, we will be using **Seesaw** as a key method of communication. We would really appreciate if you to sign up to Seesaw to receive notifications, messages and pictures. Please note you will need to enter a new code for Year 6. Our Year 6 **blog** on the school's website will also be updated weekly and will include the children's homework for your information.

**Our Year 6 coffee afternoon is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2:45pm. We do hope you are able to attend.**

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We are 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 (6S) and Ms Ellery (Assistant Head)