



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer-we are delighted to welcome the children back to Year 6.

To begin with, we would like to reassure you that your child's safety and education is most important to us. Due to the social distancing rules currently in place, we are unable to hold a coffee morning. We hope this letter provides you with as much information as possible.

School arrivals and pick-ups- Children need to arrive in school between 8:40 and 9:10am-(surnames A-F 08:40-08:50am; surnames G-M 8:50-09:00am and surnames N-Z 09:00-09:10am). Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school and take care to follow the one way system around the school building. 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 collections, this will also be the case. The top playground door will be open 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 on their own. Children are NOT allowed to play football before or after school currently.

Homework – This will be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due in on Wednesdays. Each child has been given a homework folder with their homework inside. Each week, work will be sent home which is 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 for help from the class teacher. Please note: homework that is not brought in by Wednesday will NOT be marked for that week.

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. In Year 6, we expect a minimum of 4 entries per week.

Phones- Children must hand in their phones at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Due to the 'bubble structure' across the school, each class now has their own phone box. Phones will be stored in a locked cupboard during the school day as phones are not permitted during the school day. Please note, this also applies to other smart devices (e.g. smart watches).

Pencil cases- Please ensure your child brings their pencil case to school every day. 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 focusing largely on arithmetic questions to ensure this is embedded.

English - We will be familiarising the children with writing for a variety of different audiences and purposes. This includes: letter, diary, poetry, recount, non-chronological report, newspaper article, advert . We will incorporate our Topic learning with our English writing. There will also be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). In SPAG we will be revising word classes, commas, semi-colons, clauses, multi-clause sentences and learning the keywords for year 5 and 6.

IPC – Our topic for the Autumn term is World War Two and the Battle of Britain. We will be studying the events that led to the Battle of Britain; becoming familiar with the location of countries involved; understanding the events of the Battle of Britain; understanding how the Home Front contributed to the war effort and appreciating what life was like for evacuees.

Science – We will be learning about light this half term through a range of theory and practical lessons. The children will consolidate and improve their understanding of how light travels, reflection & refraction, how to investigate what causes changes in shadow size as well as how we see colour.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will learning about Christianity and explore sacred texts and inspirational writing. RE will be taught bi-weekly by Mrs Ayres.

PE – The children will have PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms. Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain.

Computing- The focus for this half-term will be E-safety (sharing information online and knowing what is not safe to share), using search engines to research information and creating presentations using software such as Microsoft Powerpoint and Google Slides.

Once again, we will be using **Seesaw** as a key method of communication. We would really appreciate it if you could sign up to Seesaw to receive notifications, messages and pictures. **Please be aware that you will need to enter a new code for Year 6.** Do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via email if you would like a new class code.

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 is not convenient. As mentioned above we are also available via Seesaw's messaging service and the school email (admin@spps.foliotrust.uk) . We look forward to working with your children and meeting you all in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith (6S and Year 5 / 6 Phase Leader), Miss Couch (6C) and Miss Walker (6S)



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