



Monday 2nd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term break.

Reminder from Mrs Sandle and Mrs Barriball:

We are aware of the anxieties that many of you have faced in sending your children back to school and we want to reassure you that safety is our priority. Following a meeting with public health and the raising of London's alert level to Tier 2, we have decided to put in further measures to ensure everyone's safety. After half term, **we will be asking adults dropping off and collecting children to wear face coverings whilst on the school premises.** We would appreciate your support with this and this will include when in the school foyer to speak to the office. Staff will also be wearing face coverings when moving around the school, however, children will not be required to wear masks.

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, Maths and reading related. Every week, the children will also be tested on 20 spelling words. In their homework folder, you will find their spelling book with results from their spelling tests. Please encourage your children to use the knowledge organisers sent out at the end of last half-term to support their homework. If your child does not understand anything, please do not hesitate to ask for help from the class teacher.

Homework needs to be completed in the homework book and returned inside the folder. Please note: homework that is not brought in by Wednesday will NOT be marked for that week.

Reading - Should 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). Please ensure to replenish items, when they run out as we have very limited supplies in school to offer children.

Curriculum

Maths – This term will continue to revise the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There will be a large emphasis on fractions this term, looking at the following: adding and subtracting with the same and different denominators, multiplying and dividing fractions, finding fractions of amounts and looking at simplifying fractions to find equivalents. We will also be looking at properties of shape, perimeter and area.

English - Our writing will continue to incorporate our Topic learning about WW2. We will be looking at a range of text types this term including poetry, biographies, newspaper articles and adverts. We will continue to focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). In SPAG we will be looking at: active/passive voice, direct/indirect speech, subordinate and relative clauses. Lessons will also continue to focus on spelling rules linking to the Year $\frac{3}{4}$ and Year $\frac{5}{6}$ spelling lists.

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 electricity this half term through a range of theory and practical lessons. The children will learn the scientific symbols used for drawing circuits and have the opportunity to create circuits and investigate how a range of factors impact voltage and affect different components in a circuit.

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

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. Our PE topics this term focus on ball skills and Hockey.

Computing- The focus for this half-term will be using search engines to research information and creating presentations using software such as Microsoft Powerpoint and Google Slides.

Isolating at home:

If your child needs to isolate at home due to COVID, please note that they can access the Google Classroom, '**Year 6: If you are having to stay at home for 14 days**'. This Classroom has resources for the children to work from, if they are well enough. Please let us know if you need further information about this or need help accessing this online workspace.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We are available most days before and after school, via Seesaw or alternatively you can make a telephone appointment through the office if this is not convenient. Thank-you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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