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WHERE LEARNING HAS NO LIMITS

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Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 5! We have a busy, yet rewarding year ahead. This is an exciting time with challenges and opportunities throughout the year, including a trip to River Dart and so much more! This letter is intended to be a guide to some of the regular class routines in order that you can help support your child through this year in school.

Weekly Timetable

Your child will receive a copy of the current timetable for this term. This year Madame Al' Kattan will be teaching French and Mr Mullins will continue to take the children for games on a Friday. The children will also have dance this term on a Wednesday morning.

Curriculum Topics:

English

- Story openers and letters
- Descriptive and predictive writing
- Instructions and rules
- Information and explanation texts
- Narrative texts
- Recounts
- Classic drama – Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
- Reading and comprehension skills

Design Technology

- Designing and constructing a phone case

Maths

- Place Value
- Mental and written methods of addition and subtraction
- Mental and written methods of Multiplication and division
- Problem solving using the above operations and methods

Art

- People in Action
- Cave paintings – link with history topic

Science

- Properties and the changes of materials.
- Earth and Space

Music

- Charanga

Computing

- Computer game development- writing and debugging programs

R.E.

- Places of Worship
- Religion in the Community

History

- At study of the Mayan civilisation.

P.E.

- Dance/gymnastics
- Invasion games- football/ hockey/ tag rugby

P.S.H.E.

- Rules, responsibility, respect for others and friendship

Geography

- The Americas, specifically South America (linked to history topic)

P.E. and Games Lessons

For the autumn term, our first P.E. lesson of the week will be on Wednesday when the focus will be on dance. These sessions will be led by an external dance teacher. Games lessons will take place on a Friday morning with Mr. Mullins where children will require trainers or football boots, particularly when the weather becomes wetter and the field conditions become muddy and slippery. The onset of colder days will also mean that a tracksuit will become a necessary part of their P.E. kit.

Homework

Your child will be receiving regular homework tasks related to the topics being covered in each area of the curriculum. This will help to consolidate what is covered in school and enable parents to become involved and informed on what is happening within the classroom. The Weekly Bulletin published on a Monday outlines homework for the coming week. Most homework tasks will be set to be completed within two days, allowing





children who may have questions regarding the work set to seek assistance while encouraging a degree of routine. In line with government guidance, Year 6 homework tasks should take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours per week. As a guide, the following schedule for homework will be followed as closely as possible to aid continuity:

Monday Spellings. Spelling sentences to be written in the purple homework book and given in on Wednesday. Spellings to be learned for testing on Friday. You may wish to help your child follow a Look-Cover-Write-Check method for learning these words. A retest will be required for a score below 7/10 in the weekly test.

Tuesday English. To be handed in Thursday

Wednesday Miscellaneous (History, Geography, Art) to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Friday Maths. To be handed in Monday.

Instances where homework is late will be recorded. If three pieces of work are late during a half term period, the child will lose a break time in school. It is expected that homework is completed to the high standard that is required in lessons. If this is not achieved, the child may be asked to redo the task in their own time in school. In addition to given homework tasks, please remember to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Children will also have access to books from the classroom and library. Towards the end of the year, children will be presented with several of their homework tasks together at the beginning of the week in order to help them plan and organise their work.

Equipment

Although we do provide equipment in school, it is obviously more convenient for children to have their own basics in a pencil case. This should include items such as writing pens (Berol or cartridge pens are preferred, but not biro), writing and colouring pencils, eraser, glue stick, sharpener and ruler (preferably 30cm). For maths, a protractor and calculator would also be useful additions.

Absences

If, for whatever reason, your child is absent from school, please could you inform the school by telephone before 9:15am on the day of absence and in writing when he/she returns to school. Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated.

Water Bottles

It is very important that your child is sufficiently hydrated during the school day and therefore they may bring a water bottle into the classroom. Please ensure that these have a sports style cap in order to avoid accidental spillages while these are at children's desks. The bottles should also be transparent.

Residential Visit to River Dart

Although this may seem a long way off, it will come around sooner than you think. A meeting regarding this visit will take place on Wednesday 26th September at 4.30pm. This will be run by Roger Sell from CRS Adventures and will provide information about the trip.

Trips

As part of an introduction to Shakespeare, there will be a workshop visit to school by the Young Shakespeare Company on 17th October, followed by the opportunity to go and watch a professional performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Wylyotts Theatre in Potters Bar on November 12th. This project has proved highly successful and enjoyable in previous years as an introduction to the work of the bard. More details to follow but the approximate cost of the trip is £20.

Other Events

- 12th September, 2.45pm – Meet the Teacher.
- 22nd September – Roald Dahl Day.
- 20th September - Individual/ family photographs.
- 26th September, 4:30pm – River Dart information meeting
- 11th October – Harvest festival
- 15th October – Walk to School Week.



- 17th October – ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’ workshop.
- 2nd November – Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival, Holmer Green Senior School.
- 13th November – Year 5 Class Assembly
- 15th November – performance by the Mance Productions Theatre Company at school: ‘Lest We Forget’.
- 28th November – Carol Service at St. Peter and St. Paul’s church, Great Missenden, 6.00 pm.
- 30th November – Christmas Fayre

Parent consultations

Formal Parents’ Evenings will be held during the week prior to the October half term (on Tuesday 16th and on Thursday 18th). If you should have any issues to discuss while your child is in year 5, please arrange an appointment through the school office. The most convenient afternoons are Tuesday and Friday.

Walking Home

It is understandable that as the children move up the school the number of parents allowing their child to walk home alone increases. If this applies to you, please can your child bring in a signed note, so that I can ensure children are dismissed from school safely. This also applies if your child is going home with other people’s parents or another adult from the norm.

Many thanks in advance for all your support and co-operation, and I look forward to a successful, happy and exciting year together.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. M. Glargaard