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Friday 13th September 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you so much for all of your kind gifts and messages at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

I would like to welcome you back to school and the start of a new academic year. I have been busy over the summer holidays renewing the Year 6 Quest: 'Victorians: Vile or Victorious?'.

I have planned a variety of learning experiences that are categorised on the attached quest coverage leaflet.

The children have returned full of energy and have already taken on the new responsibilities they have. These responsibilities include duties such as: buddying, class checking jobs, sports leaders, House Captains, Eco-committee, School Council, Digi-monitors and games equipment monitors to name a few. Responsibility is the focus for the year!

We have already started with the first Forest School session of the year with Mr. Wedderkopp. Children will start swimming sessions if needed and will have the opportunity to join choir, take part in league sports and lead whole school celebrations such as Christmas in the church. We are writing speeches for House Captain elections that take place next Friday (20th) and developing activities for Sports Leadership selection. More information will follow accordingly.

In Class 6 this year the children will have the opportunity to be taught by myself for most of the week and by Mrs. Brierley and Miss Storey. We also have Miss. Davy and Miss. Mansfield teaching children from the class.

As you already know, I have organised the first trip out of the year to 'The Big Pit Museum of Wales'. I hope to arrange further trips this term to extend the children's learning. These I hope to be to Coldharbour Mill in Uffculme and Knightshayes House in Tiverton. I have also secured free tickets to a concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in January at the Great Hall of Exeter University. The annual residential is also booked at Charterhouse on the Mendip Hills in March. More information will follow nearer the time for all these exciting opportunities.

This year, as with last, there will be a small but important amount of home learning expected each week in Class 5 (in line with the current school policy):

- The children will have spellings set on a Monday via Google Classroom or hardcopy which will be due in the following Monday. Children will also be tested on their spellings on Monday morning.
- Maths homework will be set on Monday and will be due in the following Monday. This will be an online 'MyMaths' task. I have found that giving children this amount of time to complete their homework allows them to ask me for support if they need it. The children are expected to do the online lesson first followed by the homework task.



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- Children will be expected to continue to practice their times tables at home for a weekly test on Fridays.
- The children are also expected to continue their fantastic reading efforts by reading aloud at least 4 times a week to an adult at home. Adults are encouraged to ask searching questions of the reader to check comprehension. Example question sets are printed and stored in your child's reading record folders. The folders are checked on Monday mornings but need to be in school every day please.

Please, please try and listen to your child read as much as possible. Reading is a vital life-skill and one that can be so enjoyable. Even in Year 6, it is essential they continue to practice in order to progress. Positive progress data has always correlated with the amount of adult support from home so please do keep it up.

As the term progresses, there may be a need to also compete learning in grammar and punctuation. The children have been given a study book to borrow that will support them in their learning in this area.

I will also be reserving my Friday lunchtime to run a 'drop in' homework club in the classroom for those from Year 6 who may need some support. Any outstanding homework will also be done then.

During the week, Class 6 have PE sessions on a Monday and a Tuesday but may do some extra sport with Miss. Storey during the week so can I please ask that their kit is in school every day please.

For some children this first half term, PE on Monday will be swimming. You will receive further information via 'Parent Mail' if your child is required to swim this half term. This swimming groups will be a mix of both Class 5 and Class 6. Miss. Downer will take the swimmers to Wellington Sports Centre by coach as usual. The children who are not in this group will be taking PE with me here at school. The children must have a full change of kit including PE socks and trainers. For safety reasons, long hair must be tied back, so a comfortable hair band is required from home and earrings must be taken out for the duration of the session.

If any of you have any interests or expertise in the quest this term and would like to support the learning in some way, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the usual way.

I hope you find this information useful and please do look at the Friday Flier for weekly updates, calendar items and information about on-going learning.

Finally, many thanks for your on-going support with all aspects of your child's learning.

Best wishes,

Peter Coupe



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