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Dear Parents,

Firstly, 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: 'Britain During World War Two'.

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 Mrs Boulin. Children will start swimming sessions if needed and will have the opportunity to 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.

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 on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Brierley will also support Class 6 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

As a Year 5 and Year 6 phase, we are currently looking into the trips that might support the learning in the quest this term. More information will follow about this as will information about the annual residential to Charterhouse.

This year, as with last, there will be a small but important amount of home learning expected each week in Class 6 (in line with the current school policy). Weekly home learning will go from Monday to Monday giving ample time for children to organise themselves and accomplish what is expected. The activities are:

- 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.
- Times tables – regular fluency practice.
- 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.
- A weekly set of spellings and activities to learn and complete.

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 going.



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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 Thursday, with Miss. Storey, and on Friday but may do some extra sport during the week so can I please ask that their kit is in school every day please. 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. Covering earrings with tape is no longer permitted.

For some children this first half term, PE may also be on Monday and 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.

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 Fortnightly Friday Flier for regular 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. I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Best wishes,

Peter Coupe



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