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Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents,

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 curriculum for the autumn: Victorians: Vile or Victorious?'.

I have planned a variety of learning experiences that are categorised on the attached curriculum 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 join choir (TBA), take part in league sports and lead whole school celebrations such as Harvest and Christmas in the church. More information will follow on each of these in due course.

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 (Thursday pm). We also have Mrs. Brierley and Mrs. Morin supporting individuals in class at certain times during the week.

I am also trying to organize 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 may be to Coldharbour Mill in Uffculme and/or 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 6 (in line with the current school policy):

The children will have spellings set on a Monday will be due in the following Monday. Children will also

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be tested on their spellings on Monday morning. Maths homework will be set on Monday and will be due in the following Monday. This, more often than not, 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. Friday lunchtimes I have set aside for a maths support sessions if any child needs help with their maths homework. The children are expected to do the online lesson first followed by the homework task. 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.

During the week, Class 6 have PE sessions on Thursday and Friday but may do some extra sport during the week so can I please ask if their kit is in school every day please.

If any of you have any interests or expertise in the learning this term and would like to support the learning in some way (1-2-1 readers for example), or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school via the office email account.

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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