



Moredon Primary & Nursery School

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Welcome to Year 6!

We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and are excited to be back at school.

Our topic this term is **The Tudors** – please see the topic web for more information about our learning. We have lots of exciting things planned including a trip to Tudor World on Thursday 2nd October. Everything you need to know about this trip is detailed in a separate letter. We will also be inviting you into school later in the term to share in a celebration of topic work. We'll provide more information soon.

Timings and Attendance: A gentle reminder that our classroom doors will be open from 8.30am each day, and the register taken at 8.35am prompt. We would like to stress the importance of children's punctuality and attendance in Year 6 – it is crucial for their learning. The school day finishes at 3.30pm Monday - Thursday and 1.30pm on Friday. Children in Year 6 are permitted to leave the classroom alone without a parent/carer at the end of the day unless you let us know otherwise.

Reading: Children will take home a colour banded reading book. This is the book they read to adults in school and it can be changed once it is finished. They are also welcome to use the library to choose a reading for pleasure book. All children are expected to read at home on a regular basis – either book is fine to read at home. Please spend time listening to your child read and talk to them about the texts. Any home reading should be recorded in your child's reading record.

Spellings: Each week, we focus on a different spelling pattern in school. Children are given words to practise on Mondays which contain the pattern we are learning and these are tested on Friday mornings.

Times Tables: Most Fridays, children will complete an arithmetic paper. A large part of arithmetic is dependent on a secure knowledge of times tables and their corresponding facts. Please practise your child's times tables and division facts on a daily basis as this will hugely benefit their arithmetic speed.

Home Learning: Homework will be set weekly – we will write to you with further information about this soon.

Uniform: Please ensure correct uniform is worn to school each day. This includes no jewellery (stud earrings accepted) and no long/false nails.

PE: PE will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Children must have their full PE kits on these days:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts/bottoms
- Trainers
- Black sweater/hoody (school jumper can be used)

Jewellery cannot be worn for PE and long hair must be tied up – please ensure children have hairbands on PE days.

Snacks/Water: Please make sure that your child comes to school with a healthy snack (fruit, cereal bar, etc.) and a water bottle every day. We are a nut free school so we ask that children do not bring in any foods containing nuts or seeds.

Coats: Please ensure your child has an appropriate coat in school on poor weather days.

Mobile Phones: If children bring mobile phones to school, they must be turned off whilst on school site and given to their teacher at the beginning of the day to be stored securely.

Contact: If you ever have any questions or need to get in touch, please use Class Dojo to send us a message, or contact the school office using admin@moredon.swindon.sch.uk / 01793 600344. We'll always do our best to get back to you as soon as possible, but please remember that we are teaching during the day and don't typically check messages during this time.

Thank you for your support. We are really looking forward to working with you all this year.

Miss Carter and Mrs Brasier-Ayres