

Autumn Newsletter

Year 6



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year. We hope you have all had an enjoyable time over the summer break. We have an exciting term planned for your child and hope they will enjoy learning through the varied experiences we are going to have.

Year 6's topics and themes

This term's main topic will be based upon a text called Journey to Jo'burg by Beverly Naidoo. Within the topic, we will explore the geography of Africa, research the history of Apartheid and study instrumental African figures such as Nelson Mandela.

Maths work will be split into five areas: Number, Ratio and Proportion, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement and Statistics.

Our first science topic this term will be concerned with living things and their habitats, focusing on adaptation, feeding relationships and microorganisms.

Throughout the term we will be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and the use of language. The children will also be encouraged to read a wide range of texts to continue improving their fluency, understanding and deduction skills. We would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

In maths, times tables are vitally important if the children are going to make good progress. Using the internet games or board games can help reinforce them in a fun and enjoyable way - links have been made available on our website.

Practical information

We prepare for early morning activities for the class from 8:50am and would encourage your child to access these by coming in as soon as they can from this time. Registers are taken at 9:00am.

We feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home every night for washing and refilling.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

PE

PE lessons are on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school on that day. Outdoor PE takes place on Friday afternoon unless there is bad weather. Kit should be taken home over the weekend to be washed. Tracksuits may be sent in when the weather is cold. Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must either be taken out or covered with micro-pore tape.

Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on Fridays (except for guided reading homework which will be given on the day of reading) and will be expected to be returned the following Friday.

Laches Wood/Meet the Teacher

For your convenience, We thought it would be helpful to combine our final 'Laches Wood Residential' meeting with 'Meet the Teacher'. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th September, will commence at 4:00 pm and last approximately 30 minutes. I will give a presentation which expands on the contents of this letter plus talk about final arrangements for our trip, discuss what the children need to take and give out final forms before we go.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. If you are unable to come into school, please use the home school planner to send any information you wish to bring to our attention.

We look forward to a fabulous year working with you and your child and hope to see you next Tuesday.

Thanks for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tomkinson and Mr Hancock