



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and the new term. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few things and to tell you about what has been planned for your child for this term.

Year 6's topics and themes

This term's main topic will be World War 1. This will be made cross-curricular through Literacy, Numeracy, art, music, history, geography, DT and ICT.

In addition to this, we will be studying the book *Skellig*, written by David Almond. This powerful and moving story of friendship follows the life of Michael as he moves house and makes a strange discovery in a dilapidated garage.

Maths work will be split into five blocks: Counting, Partitioning and Calculating, Securing Number Facts and Understanding Shape, Handling Data and Measures, and Calculating, Measuring and Understanding Shape.

Our first science topic this term will be concerned with *Animals including Humans*, which will include a close inspection of our circulatory and digestive system.

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. I 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school on that day. Outdoor PE takes place on Tuesday afternoon unless there is bad weather. Tracksuits may be sent in when the weather is cold. The children's PE kit should be taken home over the weekend to be washed. 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.

As you can see, this is going to be a very busy term. However, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. Thanks for your cooperation and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Tomkinson