



Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and spent some quality time together with your families. The children have all made an excellent start to Year 6 so I am very much looking forward to another great term. There will be one slight change: Mrs Cleaver will not be teaching the children during my Deputy release time (due to an already agreed teaching commitment with another school) so the children will have Mrs Drew instead. She is a very experienced, highly skilled teacher and she will also be supporting Year 6 alongside me on Thursday and Friday mornings in the lead up to SATs.

This term our values are 'Courage and 'Forgiveness' and worship time in school will focus on this. Also, in line with the British Value of democracy, the children will have a visit from two magistrates to talk about the work of the magistracy. Some children will then have the opportunity to represent the school in a Mock Trials competition against other local primary schools.

In English, we will be reading the novel Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. Linked to the text, across the term the children will be writing letters, biographies, persuasive letters and balanced arguments.

In Maths, we will be focusing on fractions, percentages and decimals as well as area and perimeter. We will be continuing to work on our arithmetic skills too (both calculation application and accuracy).

Home Learning

For this term, in the lead up to SATs, the children will now receive two pieces of homework a week. As normal, homework will go out on a **Wednesday** and will be due in on the **following Tuesday**. The first homework of the term will go out on **Wednesday 10th January**. Please can you ensure that both pieces of homework are completed at home and handed in on time each week; thank you for your support with this.

Reading

For Reading home learning this term, the children will receive a short SATs style comprehension to complete. Please encourage your child to read through the text carefully and use a highlighter/pencil to help to identify and key words/phrases in the text. The comprehension homework should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete.

Maths

For Maths home learning this term, the children will have an arithmetic paper to have a go at. To begin with, there may be a couple of fractions/percentages questions that we won't have covered in school but please encourage your child to have a go nonetheless! Most of the questions your child should be able to answer confidently. The weekly arithmetic homework should take no longer than 20/25 minutes to complete.

Daily reading - support needed!

In Year 6, our expectation is that children read each day for **at least** 20-30 minutes every day. Your child can either read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you. There are bronze, silver and gold reading bookworms available to earn so hopefully your child will be earning one in the very near future if they haven't already!

A massive thank you to the parent volunteers who have been giving up their own time to come into school and hear readers each week. It makes such a huge difference and has a really significant impact. Thank you!

General Reminders

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 9th January, Tuesday 30th January and Tuesday 5th March

Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit.

Thank you again for all of your support - it is very much appreciated. Here's to another great term ahead.

Mr Hockaday