



Green Class SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2020

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Year 6 Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a very busy start to the term already. The children have come back rested and very positive about their learning. We have started exploring our PSHE Core Theme for this term, which is 'Health and Wellbeing', and are currently focusing on healthy lifestyles. We will also continue to learn about healthy and unhealthy relationships during our class Circle Times.

Curriculum:

Our main topic this term is History based – focussing on World War Two - and the children are very excited to be finding out about all aspects of this period.

In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum and covering a variety of areas including: Fractions, decimals and percentages; algebra and statistics. We will be using the books 'Children of the King' by Sonya Hartnett and 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll in our English and Guided Reading lessons this term to support our topic learning. Further details of the curriculum coverage is provided on the topic overview (attached).

P.E:

Our PE days are currently Mondays, Fridays and occasionally Thursdays. Could I ask that parents please make sure your child has the correct kit (including trainers for outdoor work) and that the kit stays in school all week in case the P.E day changes for any reason. We will continue to run the Daily Mile each day too.

Homework:

The expectation remains that each week the children will be set a spelling task linked to our weekly spelling pattern and a maths task to consolidate the week's learning, prepare for a future lesson or practise some basic calculation skills. Reading will also form a key part of the homework. Please encourage your children to keep reading for enjoyment and we suggest at least 10 minutes reading every day. They also have Reading Records which they need to keep updated with the books they are reading and the amount of pages they have read. Please can you continue to provide support by ensuring that they have a quiet time put aside for their homework, and an opportunity to share their learning with you if it is a 'talking' task. If children are finding any piece of homework too difficult or they are taking more than the allocated time to complete it, please do not persist. Simply write us a note to let us know.

School Journey to Condoover Hall:

As you know the date (**Monday 1st June – Friday 5th June 2020**) and venue have all been confirmed and deposits paid. We are keen to encourage you to continue with payments in instalments – ideally on-line. We will let you have other key information shortly including dates for an information meeting and a kit list. The children are very excited and are already asking questions about the activities and organisation of rooms!

SATs:

A reminder that the testing week for Year 6 is set nationally and this year will be during the week **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2020**. There will be a reading test and a spelling, punctuation and grammar test and we are supporting the children on this work each week in class. The maths papers will be two reasoning based papers and an arithmetic paper using both mental and written calculations. It is likely that we will be running some booster sessions during and after school this term to help the children feel confident about the test expectations and details of these will come out shortly.

Finally, a date for the diary! Our Y6 class assembly will be on **Thursday 27th February 2020 at 9:10 am**. Thank you to all those parents who are able to come and share in our assemblies – the children love to have an appreciative audience.

I hope that this information is useful to you. Please feel free to pop by after school any day if you have any more questions.

Kind Regards,

Alison Rapson and the Year 6 team.