Curriculum Letter

Friday 8th September

Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back to a new and exciting final year of primary school to our Year 6’s. I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and that the children are looking forward to the year ahead. Year 6 is an important year where children will be working hard towards their SATs in May. I will be holding a ‘Meet the Teacher’ meeting on Wednesday 13th September in which I will discuss the year ahead in more detail and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Our topic this term is ‘Battle of Britain’. We will be learning all about World War Two and will be reading Michael Morpurgo’s Adolphus Tips, a story set during the war which will form the basis of much of our literacy work. We are also planning a World War Two Christmas experience day where the children will dress up, cook rationing recipes and make and play World War Two games. For more detail on our learning this term in other subjects, please see the curriculum overview overleaf.

PE will be on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s and we will also be going to Forest School sometimes on a Wednesday. Children must ensure they have their full PE kit in school on these days. Homework will consist of a piece of literacy, numeracy and spellings each week, which should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. All of the homework will be practising what we have been learning in lessons that week. If children find the homework difficult, please feel free to help them and they should speak to me before the homework is due in if they have any questions about it. It is important that year 6 pupils get into good habits with their organisation and presentation of their work ready for secondary school so please encourage your child to take care with their homework and bring it in on time each week. Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and collected the following Thursday. We will mark homework together as a class and anyone who has struggled will receive extra support the following day. Spelling tests will also be on a Wednesday.

Year Six will work together this term to collect Secret Student points. A child is picked at random at the beginning of the day and secretly monitored throughout the day to see if they are following the class rules and working hard. The target this term is 75% - Good Luck!

The children always love Mystery Reader where someone will come in to read to the class without the children knowing beforehand. If you are available to be a Mystery Reader, or know someone in your family who is interested, please contact me (in secret!)

I hope that your child settles in well to Year 6 and has an enjoyable and successful year. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your child’s learning.

Yours sincerely

Miss O’Connor