Curriculum Letter

7th September

Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed a good rest. I am excited to be starting a new year with lots of things to look forward to in Year 6.

We have a busy term planned. Our new topic is ‘The Mystery of the Nile’ where we will learn all about the history of the Ancient Egyptians. We will incorporate this topic into our D&T and art lessons. Mrs Nye will be teaching RE and ICT during the autumn term, alternating between Friday mornings and afternoons each term. Please see overleaf for a more detailed subject map.

Our residential week is sure to be an exciting start to the term and something which I am sure the children are looking forward to, whether they are going to France or taking part in the fun activities Mrs Uppal has planned at school. In the Autumn term, Year 6 also take part in Bikeability where they will learn to cycle safely and independently. More details to follow soon.

Children will receive homework each week on a Friday. This will be a short grammar exercise, a maths homework and their spellings, which will be tested each Wednesday. Homework is due in each Wednesday to allow time for it to be marked, have any feedback and support and sent home again each week. Children should also be reading regularly and practising their times tables. Please encourage your child to complete their homework in time and to the best of their ability and please do ask if you have any questions regarding homework.

We have a new sports coach, Mr Bennett, teaching PE this year, which will be each Thursday and we will also have indoor PE lessons on a Tuesday. We will also occasionally go to Forest School on a Wednesday. It is advisable that your child keeps their full PE kit in school at all times so that they are prepared for the lessons, but if not please ensure that their kit is in school on the stated days. Year 6 are permitted to bring in their mobile phones as I know many children walk to and from school and it is useful to have them. If they choose to bring their phone in, they need to hand it in to me in the morning. They will then be locked securely away and children can collect them again at the end of the day.

Year Six will be working 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 70% - Good Luck!

We are always looking for Mystery Readers to come in and read part of a story of your choice to the children at the end of the day. If you would be interested in this, please come and speak to me (in secret!)

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your child’s learning.

Yours sincerely,

Miss O’Connor