

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6; I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday! I am delighted to be teaching the class this year with the support of Miss Playle as our teaching assistant.

The children will be taught PE on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child **comes to school in their full PE kit** - they will stay in this all day. PE uniform includes: navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a plain white PE t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers.

Homework (which will include English, Maths, spellings and times tables) will be given out every **Thursday**, and will be due on the following **Monday**. There will be a spelling and times table test every Thursday. Pupils should be practising times table facts and spellings every evening. We greatly appreciate the role of parents and carers in supporting your child through homework.

Our KS2 SATs results last year were very positive and we observed that the children who read regularly had the most success across their assessments as well as being well prepared for secondary school. Therefore in addition to homework, your child will be given a daily reading record. Reading records should be filled in every night indicating the pages your child has read, accompanied by a short comment. These will be checked every day. Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding. Developing strong, healthy reading habits now will be enormously beneficial for your child throughout their lives. If you would like any help or ideas in ways you can support your child with their reading and other areas of learning at home, please speak to either myself or Ms Green.

As you know, Year 6 is a very important year and it is vital that your child comes to school on time every day, so that they can make excellent progress across all areas of the curriculum - especially in reading, writing and maths. Please ensure that your child is getting plenty of sleep so that they are able to fully succeed in their learning. If you would like any help or ideas in ways you can support your child with their learning at home, please do ask.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year! If you need to speak with me for any reason, please email the school office and this can be arranged, either in person or via telephone.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jackson-Bloom
Year 6 Class Teacher