



**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

## **Welcome Back!**

On behalf of the Year Six team, we hope that you and your families have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the start of a new school year. We are very much looking forward to the learning experiences that we will share together – it's lovely to have my old class back!

I'm delighted to provide details of our Year Six teaching team which consists of myself and Mrs Balasuriya. We'll also be joined by Mrs Combes who will be teaching ICT on Monday afternoons, as well as supporting the class in Maths each day. Miss Forster will be teaching RE, Art and Science on Wednesday mornings and Mr Owers will lead our PE lessons.

Throughout the rest of this letter you'll find information regarding initial arrangements for this term and a number of important dates throughout the course of the academic year. This is by no means an exhaustive list and will continue to be added to throughout the course of the year.

Attached to this letter is a copy of our curriculum map to give you an idea of the work that we will be undertaking in our first topic. Copies of each curriculum map these will be sent home at the beginning of each new topic. Our first topic is 'The Wilds of South America'.

### **Reading**

Reading is absolutely fundamental to children's development, so please regularly make time to read to your child/children and to hear them read. The children have been given reading records to record their reading in, these will be checked weekly at school, so please try to sign them at least once per week.

The class and I have discussed ideas to continue developing #WroxhamReading this year. We have some exciting plans on the horizon, including regularly taking the children to local libraries. Further details will follow shortly.

### **Homework**

In Year 6, the children will have regular homework to help support both their school studies and also to prepare them for the transition to secondary school. During the autumn term, homework will be set as follows:

- Friday(s): Learning note is published on our class blog page. In addition, for year six only, paper copies of the spellings homework and maths homework will be sent home.
- Wednesdays: Maths Homework is due, this will be marked as a class.
- Friday(s): Spelling test. Spellings homework is due – and reviewed by a Teacher. Cycle repeats as above. I.e. issuing of learning note, spellings and maths.

Spellings homework should be completed on the sheet that I send home. Maths homework should be completed on squared paper which I'll attach to the homework sheet.

On occasion, we may set 'Topic' homework – typically this will be a research-related task.

Copies of all letters and details of Homework will be uploaded to the 'Homework' page of the Year Six Blog. Please visit this site if you need further copies of letters or homework.

## P.E.

Our P.E. days this term are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. In order for the children to be able to safely participate in PE lessons they need to wear the correct kit, which consists of: a blue polo shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. All of these items need to be clearly labelled.

## Swimming

We will be swimming during the summer term. A letter giving full details about the arrangements for this will be sent out towards the end of the spring term.

## Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place on **Thursday afternoons**. The children should bring old clothing to change into for **all** sessions e.g. trainers or wellies, tracksuit bottoms and waterproofs. We intend to go out in all weathers and the children will need to be appropriately dressed.

## Internet Safety

During our ICT lessons, we always consider internet safety and ensure that the children know how to use the internet safely. Please can you reinforce this at home. We are very careful about not naming children who appear on our website and school blogs, and we would like to gently remind parents that they should ensure they have permission from other parents to publish photos and names of children on social media sites.

## Important dates

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Occasional Day (school closed)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half Term  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Play performances  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Term ends at 2pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Inset Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Inset Day  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Term begins  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – School photographs (provisional date)  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Term ends at 2pm.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Term begins  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – KS2 Mock SATs  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Swimming lessons begin  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Oakmere Mini Marathon  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Play performance to parents (provisionally)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 trip to Herts Young Mariners  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 11am = Leavers assembly. 12 noon = Y6 leave. 2pm = End of term for rest of the school.

## And finally...

If you have any queries or concerns about anything in this letter then please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Year Six team. You will be invited to your child's "Learning Review" later on in the term, but in the meantime if you have any immediate concerns you can ring the school office in order to make an appointment to see me – I know that Year Six is a big year!

With best wishes, Mr Ritson and the Year Six Team.

