



SAINT JOHN'S

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the spring term of Year 6. We hope that you have enjoyed the festive break and that the children are refreshed and excited to start the spring term. As before, this term we will be using key questions to drive our learning in our curriculum subjects rather than a central theme. Year 6 have some interesting topics to investigate this term, which we are looking forward to sharing with them.

Please see the Termly Overview document on the website for further details of what we will be learning about this term.



PE

Our PE slots this term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in appropriate PE kit. Please see the Uniform Policy on the school website for further details of appropriate PE kit.

Homework

We are keen to promote 'Reading for Pleasure' in Year 6. Not only is it an essential skill for all areas of the curriculum, but is also a wonderful form of entertainment, escapism, adventure and relaxation. Therefore, we would like to ensure that the children are getting the opportunity to develop and enjoy this skill. As part of their homework, we would like the children to read at least three times a week. We will be looking for the children to record any reading in their Home School Diary. You do not have to read with your child (although this can be a great way for your child to read aloud and practise skills such as intonation and expression) but it would be helpful if you could ensure that reading is recorded. If reading is not recorded, it may be necessary for us to hear children read during their own time (break times) so that we can ensure that they are given the opportunity to read.

We will be checking Home School Diaries each Monday for entries.

Weekly spellings will also be set for the children to practise and learn throughout the week. These spellings will be set on Monday and will be tested on Friday.

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A piece of maths or English homework will also be set on a Monday to be handed in on Friday. This work will usually be aligned to what we are learning in class but from time-to-time it may also be revision of an area already covered.

We have also asked that children spend at least 15 minutes a week on TT Rockstars, an online platform for times table practice. The children are all familiar with it and it is used whenever possible in class, but any extra activity on this would be hugely beneficial for your child to improve and retain their recall skills of number facts.

Homework Project

Finally, towards the end of each “big” term, we would like the children to complete further research on an area of the curriculum we have investigated and to produce a piece of project work of their choosing. We have some fascinating and interesting topics to cover this spring, so I am hopeful that there will be something that grabs their attention and drives them to create something of their own, in an area that sparks their interest.

We hope that you have found the above information useful and we look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,

Mr Jones and Mrs Whalley