

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind Christmas cards, presents and wishes. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for a new decade!

Timetable

Our timetable this term is largely the same as last year. To encourage the children to become more independent and better at self-organisation, I have provided a 'things to remember' timetable that you may like to share with your child.

Day	Things to remember:	Please ensure that your child has an indoor PE kit (black shorts, white t-shirt, and pumps) in school at all times
Monday	Outdoor PE kit	
Tuesday	Maths and English homework	
Wednesday	Library book	
Thursday	Outdoor PE kit	
Friday	Spelling book	

This term we are focusing on Geography for our topic. We will be learning about climate change, and are hoping to arrange a visit from local flood prevention experts. We will also be studying mountains and working with our chosen charity this year, which is Mountain Rescue.

Homework

Spellings will be set and tested on a Friday. In the run up to SATs, it is important that the children spend time learning their spelling thoroughly. It is also beneficial to look back at spellings from previous weeks and check that they have not been forgotten.

Maths homework will continue to be set from a workbook every week, although as the year progresses there may be additional re-cap homework or work to support classwork. Children still need to continue practising their times tables as this impacts on many aspects of maths. Maths homework needs to be handed in by Tuesday at the latest.

English homework will mostly be reading. Please continue to read **with your child** at least twice a week. The main barriers to success in reading at Year 6 are vocabulary and stamina, and you can help enormously by encouraging your child to read regularly, and discussing new vocabulary with them. There may also be some grammar homework over the next few weeks to consolidate work completed at school.

Now they are in Year 6, the children need to get into the routine of completing homework carefully and handing it in on time, so that they are ready to meet these expectations at secondary school in September.

The children worked extremely hard last term, and have already made a great start to the new term. For your information SATs are during the week beginning Monday 11th May 2020. We are already beginning some SATs preparation but I absolutely don't want any of the children to be worried by the prospect of summer tests. Once again, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or worries at all. Many thanks for your continued support, and a happy new year to you all.

Kind regards,

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