



11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 6. We would like to continue to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The Year 6 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class Teacher – Miss Zoe Shaw
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Heather Gilhooly

Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. However, if you have any problems or concerns, please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. Alternatively, a comment can be added into the Home School Link Book which is checked weekly. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns as soon as possible.

Spring Term Curriculum Coverage

Here are some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
English	Non-chronological report (based on Arthur Spiderwick's Field guide to the fantastical world around you) Discussion/debates Visual literacy/descriptive writing.
Mathematics	Relationships between perimeter and area Angles Reflection and translation Multiplying fractions Dividing fractions by whole numbers Fraction problem solving Ratio and proportion Volume Measure Statistically interpreting line graphs Algebra and sequences
Science	Living things and their habitats
ICT	We are bloggers
Art	Paper Mache masks (linked with Egyptians)
Design and Technology	Burial chambers (linked with Egyptians)
History	Ancient Egypt
RE	Expressive and visual arts in religion
PE	Circuit training Ball games
Music	1960s and 1970s

PSHE	Health and well being
French	Out and about The world around us

Learning Logs & Homework

Home School Link Book

Please continue to check and sign your child's book each week. These books are handed in every Monday and checked.

Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult at least three times a week and more if possible. Research shows that children who read regularly and for pleasure progress further across the curriculum, not just in reading and writing. Reading is to be recorded in their Home School Link books by the children. Our focus in Year 6 is on reading comprehension skills. Skimming, scanning and inference skills will be taught in school and children should be encouraged to apply these.

Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn for a test on a Thursday. From now on, the words that are given to the children will come from the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 word list that was issued to you at Parents Evening last term. The children need to make sure they are learning these spellings and then writing sentences to ensure they know what they mean.

Mathematics

On a Wednesday children will be given a mental maths test that focuses on basic arithmetic or objectives that we have covered together in class. Children will mark their own work in school and then we will check and record the results.

Please ask your child to make jottings in the box or on another page of their maths homework book, but also please sign at the bottom of the work with any comments you would like to make about your child's progress in these tests.

Learning Log

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Each week there will be an English or Maths task and an activity linked to our topic work. Learning Logs will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. It should take children approximately 60 minutes in total to complete both tasks.

Please see homework expectations handed out at the beginning of the Autumn term for more details.

PE

During the Spring term, Year 6 will be taking part in P.E. lessons on **Thursday and Friday** afternoons. Please encourage your children to have their kit in school on both days. If the children do not have their P.E. kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder letter.

It is important that children have access to water throughout the day. Could you please continue to make sure that your child brings a named, sports top bottle of plain water each day.

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. In Year 6 we do not plan to carry out any external visits this term due to the plans for High Adventure and Legoland in the Summer Term.

If you have any further queries or worries please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Zoe Shaw

Year 6 Class Teacher

