

MARY EXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent & Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you have had a fun, but restful, Christmas! 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 Mary Exton School.

Class teacher – Miss R Pope and Mrs C Dennis

Teaching Assistant – Mrs D Krishman

Parent Surgery

It is important to 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. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately. Appointments can be booked via the school office.

Spring Term Curriculum Coverage

Please see the attached Year 6 Curriculum Map for the Spring term. This provides an overview of the key topics and skills that will be covered this term.

Reading

Children are expected to read every day. This does not need to be with an adult, however hearing your child read aloud and having an opportunity for discussion is beneficial regardless of what their reading ability is. In year 6, we request that when they finish a book, they complete a book review. The blank book review templates are kept in the classroom. This will enable us to monitor the children's understanding of the books they are reading as well as monitor the sorts of books they are reading.

Spelling

Children will be issued with a new spelling grid at the beginning of the term outlining the spellings which will be tested each Thursday. Children are expected to practise and learn the spellings ready for the test. At times, children may be given additional spellings to help support them. At parents evening, parents were given a copy of the spellings which children are expected to know by the end of year 6. If you would like an additional copy of these words, please speak to a member of the year 6 team.

Mathematics

By year 6, children are expected to know multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. The children will be tested regularly on their times tables as well as their general mental arithmetic. Practising these skills at home as often as possible is essential as it is fundamental for a lot of the Maths they will be learning.

Topic grid / homework

At the beginning of the half term, children will be issued with a new homework grid. As before, the children can choose one activity to complete each week. Please ensure that you (parent or carer) sign and date the homework grid each week to indicate which activity the child has completed. Homework should be handed in on a Friday.

P.E

It is important to have a PE kit available in school all week. The children need a labelled PE kit and trainers for when we go on the field. If the children do not have their PE 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.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school uniform at all times and that it is all named. Where it is noted that your child is not wearing the correct uniform, they will be given a 'uniform reminder letter.'

Equipment

In Upper Key Stage 2, children are encouraged to bring in their own equipment. It is essential that they have this equipment with them every day.

To further support both yourselves and your child, from January 2019 we will be started a 'School Shop' which will be open on a Friday lunch time in the year 6 classroom. This will enable your child to purchase any equipment they require. Where possible, please provide your child with the correct amount of money for the equipment they are purchasing.

Below is a list of the equipment which the children are required to have and the prices to purchase them from the school shop.

HB pencil	20p
Ruler	50p
Glue stick	£1
Ruler	50p
Scissors	50p
Handwriting pen	50p
Purple pen	20p
Highlighter pen	25p
Whiteboard pen	50p
Pencil sharpener	25p
Eraser	10p

Felt pens, coloured pencils, scissors and mathematical equipment will be provided by the school, so the children do not need to bring any to school. Please ensure that there are no eraser pens or correction fluids included.

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits, workshops and activities to support our topic areas. This term, we have organised for the children to take part in the 2019 Mechanical Engineering Knex Challenge which will happen in school on Thursday 14th February 2019. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing children with a wide range of experiences to support their learning, on this occasion, the school will be covering the full cost of the experience.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment. I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Pope
Class Teacher