



495 High Street North
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 E12 6TH
 7th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful half term. As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately when they come to school. I hope the information below helps to ensure that you know what your child is learning at school this half term and provides you with helpful suggestions as to how to support them. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Thank you
 Ms. L. P. Baldwin
 (Phase Leader Years 5-6)

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<p><u>English</u> Your child will continue to have daily RWI split classes and class based guided reading and spelling lessons.</p> <p>In English we will be writing newspaper reports including eye-witness accounts of UFO sightings. Our grammar focus will include modal verbs e.g. could, should, must and the use of the passive voice instead of active voice e.g. 'The cat was chased by the dog' instead of 'The dog chased the cat'. We will be reviewing punctuation including colons, hyphens, dashes, brackets and ellipses.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> In maths we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using mental and formal written methods for multiplication and division; • Comparing and ordering fractions and decimals, including rounding to the nearest whole number; • Distinguishing between regular and irregular polygons; • Identifying the properties of quadrilaterals and using these to find missing lengths and angles; • Learning how to identify 3D shapes including cubes and cuboids from 2D representations; • Reading and interpreting information in tables and bar charts. 	<p><u>Creative Curriculum and Science</u> Our topic this term is 'Earth and Space'. We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing the movement of the Earth and other planets; • Using the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night; • Learning about the life-cycle of a star; • Finding out why there are craters on the Moon; • Researching travel in space; • Using atlases to identify the southern and northern hemispheres, the Arctic and Antarctic circles.

How you can support your child at home

You could help encourage your child's understanding of local and global issues by watching or listening to the news with them. Ask them what they would do if they were in charge of resolving the problem.

As we are writing our own newspaper articles this half term encourage them to read these too.

When completing homework it's important that children have access to a dictionary and thesaurus. This enables them to check their spelling and encourages them to use more complex vocabulary. Both of these are vital skills for children to up-level their work.

Help your children learn and/or practise the times tables up to 12 x 12.

Calculators are not used for SATs tests and children should not be using them to complete their maths homework.

However, access to a calculator at home will enable children to check their calculations quickly and re-do any calculations that they have got wrong.

Other information

Homework

Please ensure your child is reading every day. Homework will continue to be sent out on Fridays for the children to return to school the following Thursday. Your child should also be encouraged to practise their instrument regularly.

PE

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit, including black plimsolls, on:

MF7 and TF6 : Monday and Friday

TF7: Friday

ECAM:

Please be aware that there have been some small changes to the timetable and your child's lesson may be at a slightly different time. Lessons continue every Monday until Monday 5th December. Please continue to ensure your child brings in their instrument every week and takes it home again to practise.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9th November: Y5 Parent Consultation Day

Friday 18th November: International Evening

Wednesday 23rd November: MF7 class assembly at 9am

Week commencing Monday 28th November: Y5 and Y6 tests

Friday 2nd December 2016 – Year 5 trip to Science Museum

Friday 9th December: Last day of after school clubs and interventions

Tuesday 13th December: KS2 watch the KS1 production

Friday 16th December: Christmas dinner

Monday 19th December: Y4-6 attend pantomime at Theatre Royal, Stratford (letters to follow)

Tuesday 20th December: End of year parties

Wednesday 21st December: Christmas jumper day and last day of term

Wednesday 4th January: First day of Spring 1

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkbbkqt>

<http://www.kidsastronomy.com/earth.htm>

<http://www.planetsforkids.org/planet-earth.html>