Dear Parents,

I thought it may be helpful if I wrote to you to give you some information regarding Year 6 routines and expectations. If you have any queries or concerns that I do not address, please let me know!

P.E will take place on Thursdays. The children are to bring their P.E kit in on that day and take it home at the end of the day to be washed.

Forest School will take place on Fridays. Similarly, children are to bring their Forest kit in on that morning and take it home at the end of the day to be washed. Their wellingtons can stay at school.

Children can bring a water bottle into school, with their name marked on it if possible, which will be sent home at the end of each day.

Unfortunately, there will not be any ‘Show and Tell’ (although I am sure we can have ‘tell’ opportunities without the show aspect!). All stationery the children may need will be provided by us, so as lovely as it is to bring in pens, pencil cases, gel pens etc. we would ask that these stay at home, unless a resource is specifically requested for a particular lesson.

Our topics this term include:

Science – The Circulatory System

History – The Georgians

R.E – Hinduism

Art – Drawing and painting

P.E – Tag Rugby

In Maths, we will concentrate on the Four Operations. It is very important that your child has a really good grasp of their times tables, so if this is not as secure as we would like, some of their regular homework will be to practise this. We will be following a structured ‘Times Tables Club’ in class, children will progress through this at their own pace and will be bringing home their sheets so you can monitor how they are doing and support them in having a bit more practice at home where necessary.

In Reading and Writing we will, as in previous years, be covering a range of genres. The more your child can read, the more this will enhance their range of vocabulary and their knowledge and imagination, so reading regularly at home is tremendously beneficial. Please date and sign your child’s reading log every time they read at home. This should be a minimum of three times a week, preferably more. The children do not need to provide written comments about their reading, instead they will be asked during the course of the week to comment on what they have read.

Once we start preparing the children for their SATs assessments, which will not be until after Christmas, we will let you know and there will be meetings regarding this (hopefully face-to-face!) Please don’t worry about the SATs, the children will be as ready as they can be and will have plenty of support.

Homework will be set each Monday; to be completed by the following Monday. The homework will consist of reading (to be recorded in your child’s Reading Log), Spellings and Maths. Due to COVID restrictions, the Spellings and Maths will be online activities: Spelling Shed and Doodle Maths / TTRS linked to classroom work and your child’s needs. Any queries or difficulties, please let me know.

I hope all this makes sense. Please be assured that all the Sycamore team will be doing our very best in order to ensure that all the children in Year 6 feel safe, secure and ready to enjoy learning! It is their final year and we really want to make it a brilliant one, during which they are well-prepared for the transition into Secondary school. The children will be encouraged to take more responsibility for their belongings and for their learning so that they (and you) feel confident that they are ready for their next step.

We hope that we will still be able to offer many of the hallmarks of being in Year 6, for example our trip to The Isle Wight. Come what may, we will endeavour to make it a positive and special year. If you do have any concerns or there is anything you would like me to be aware of, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks, in anticipation of your support!

Kind regards,

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