

Friday 11th January 2019

Class 5-6 Curriculum Letter Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had enjoyable and restful holidays.

Spring Term Topics:

I have enclosed this term's curriculum overview plans to show the learning journey that Class 5-6 will be following this term. Our topic this term is called 'Raiders!' which is a historical study of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, which we have launched this week with an exciting day led by Mike from Portals to the Past. The children fully embraced all the activities and definitely looked the part in their costumes.

Assessments and Mid-Year Reports:

Over the coming two or three weeks, I will be carrying out a number of mid-year assessment tasks with the children as well as carrying out conferences with each child to discuss and reset targets for English and Maths. These will be communicated to parents via the mid-term reports at parents evening later in the term. The assessments will also be used to shape the Maths and English learning for this term in order to ensure that the children are making good progress towards the end of year expectations.

Homework:

Homework will continue as per the autumn term, being set on a Thursday and handed in the following Tuesday. I have noticed that a significant number of the children still have times tables which they are not able to recall accurately and quickly. This is slowing them down or making them inaccurate in many aspects of maths including written multiplication and division as well as fractions. Please encourage your child to continue practicing their tables at home – there are many free apps available as well as www.timestables.co.uk, which is free to register and has a wide range of ways for the children to consolidate and improve their tables recall.

Year 6 SATS:

I have already had a number of queries regarding the Year 6 SATS, please see below for the timetable. The children take three maths and two English tests over the course of four days. Writing is teacher assessed by me, based on all written work the children produce during the year in English and across the curriculum.

It is my aim to ensure that the children are well prepared for the SATS tests whilst continuing to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum and not putting any undue pressure on the children. I believe that children learn best when they are learning in a fun, cross-curricular way and this will continue as it did last term. The assessments over the coming weeks will show me what the children need to particularly focus on and improve and this will be planned into their learning during the rest of spring term. If you have any queries regarding SATS, please feel free to come in for a chat.

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Date	Exam
Monday 13 May 2019	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 May 2019	English Reading
Wednesday 15 May 2019	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 May 2019	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

PE and Games:

PE kit needs to be in school throughout the week please. Our regular PE sessions will be lacrosse with Julia Bose every Thursday morning and Games with Mr Shepherd from Perins on Friday afternoon. In the colder weather, please ensure that your child has warm clothing to wear for PE lessons and trainers with good grip. It is a good idea to keep a spare pair of socks in PE bags in case these get wet!

I hope that this letter will provide you with all the information you need at this stage in the term. If there is anything else you would like to know or you have an issue you would like to discuss with me individually please do not hesitate to come in before or after school for a chat or to make an appointment. I can also be contacted by email: clare.farrell@ropleyschool.hants.sch.uk This is often the quickest way to get a message to me, I check my email box several times a day, so will respond to any emails as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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