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Stargaze, Spirit, Strive to Sparkle!

Autumn Term Curriculum Letter Year 5/6

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely holiday.

We will be encouraging independence every day, so please encourage your child to come in through the gate by themselves, please say goodbye before the gate.

Class Teachers are always happy to speak with you and are generally available after the children have left the classroom in the afternoons until 3.45pm except for Wednesdays.

We will still have our school focus on the children developing their ability to 'Think like a learner' and challenge themselves with our class learning zones.

Start of the Day - Children come straight into the classroom to begin early morning activities as soon as the doors/gates open. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child is at school on time, so that they can settle into class with the rest of their friends.

The gates will be closed promptly at 8.43am. Any children arriving after this time will need to enter through the main reception area and will have a late mark recorded.

School Bags -Our cloakrooms are small therefore we are asking that unless your child cycles to school that they do not bring backpacks with them. The children need to bring into school their book bags, water bottles and a lunch box if they eat a packed lunch daily.

School provides all the resources so there is no need for pencil cases or other bits. Strictly NO MOBILE PHONES must be brought into school. If your child needs to have a mobile phone with them whilst travelling to school, **it must be handed into the school office at the beginning of the day.**

School Uniform- school uniform is compulsory, and details can be found on the school website. NO short skirts.

PE-

Thames - Swimming on Tuesdays and Outdoor PE on Wednesdays

Fowey - Swimming on Tuesdays and Outdoor PE on Wednesdays

Trent - Indoor PE on Wednesdays and Outdoor PE on Thursday

Your child is asked to come to school wearing their PE kit that day, please see our PE uniform list on the website. On swimming days, please wear your normal school uniform.

Your child will not be allowed to wear earrings or have them taped during PE or swimming so they will have to remove their stud earrings (the only type of earring acceptable to wear to school).

Snack- school provide fresh fruit as a snack each day, children do not bring in snacks from home.

Healthy Pack Lunch- There is guidance on the school website regarding the contents of a healthy lunch box- sweets and chocolate including chocolate coated biscuits, are not allowed and will be sent home with your child at the end of the day. **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL SO NO FOOD CONTAINING NUTS TO COME INTO SCHOOL.**

Medical Conditions- Please let us know if your child has any medical conditions that we need to be aware of. If your child suffers from asthma, an inhaler should be kept in school, please check it is in date and that you have completed the appropriate forms with the office.

Absences from school - It is essential that school is notified by telephone (01823 252126) before 8.45am of illness. If the school is not informed, then enquiries by our attendance worker will be made as to your child's whereabouts.

Reading- Please support your child's progress with daily home reading, **this is still very important in KS2.** Can you all be vigilant with the reading at home; we have a very small minority who aren't putting ANYTHING in their books, or reading at home. We can't emphasise how important it is for you to support us in school, by INSPIRING them and URGING them to get the book out and READ and TALK about the book! We all have busy lives, we know, but we can't do everything in school; it needs to be a partnership. Your child really benefits from reading at home. The children need to read their books on a regular basis and a comment needs to be written every time they read.

Our learning this term:

English: We are writing a tale of fear based on the text 'Zelda Claw' (This is based on the novel, Varjak Paw by S F Said - we highly recommend reading it if your child hasn't already!) before moving onto an Information Text.

Each class is also reading Skellig this half term, ask your child about this story.

Maths:

Thames - We have begun the year by revisiting Year 5 objectives from addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. After this, we will be moving onto the structure of numbers up to 1000.

Fowey - We have begun the year by revisiting Year KS2 objectives from addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. After this, we will be moving onto the structure of numbers up to 1000.

Trent - We have begun the year revising place value and its importance when approaching number problems. After this, we will learn about decimals and fractions up until Christmas.

If your child doesn't already know their timestables up to 12x12, it would be very beneficial for them to continue practicing at home.

History: As historians, we will be exploring WW2. This will be the focus for our homework project this term.

Geography: As geographers, we will be exploring Settlements and Trade in the United States of America before moving onto Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

Art: As an artist, the children will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and Salvador Dali and will be creating art inspired by their work.

D&T: As design technicians, the children will be cooking a traditional dish (e.g. shepherds pie or hotpot)

Science- this term the children will learn about living things and their habitats as well as animals including humans.

RE studies the question 'What part did Wells Cathedral play in the transatlantic slave trade?'

Homework for Y5&6 pupils is reading five times a week and practising their timestables on TTRockstars. Children should know their multiplication and division facts for up to 12 x 12.

If you wish to do other activities your child would benefit from learning the spellings that will be shared on Class Dojo and any additional work that is sent home.

Thank you.

Mrs Bushell, Mrs Standford & Miss Ellis