

Firstly, we would like to welcome you and your children to year 6. We are very excited about the year ahead and hope that the children are too. Please feel free to pop in and see us at any time during the year if you have any questions.

Responsibilities

As the oldest children in the school, it is lovely to be able to give the children responsibilities such as House Captains, School Council, Junior Road Safety Officers, Sports Leaders and Junior PCSOs as well as others within the classroom and around the school. We find that giving the children heightened responsibilities helps them to develop independence and accountability in preparation for their move to Secondary School.

Topic

This term our topic is Frozen Kingdom. We will be exploring the Geography of these polar regions and focussing on climate change and what we can do to prevent further damage.



Please encourage the children to engage with the topic outside of school through research or any other way they desire.

Literacy

We are going to be studying *The Snow Queen* in our Literacy and Guided Reading lessons reading the book and analysing clips of the film where we will be writing our own setting descriptions.



We will then begin to look at Sir David Attenborough, creating a biography before creating our own documentary style writing. I would love then to use ICT to bring our documentaries to life!

PE

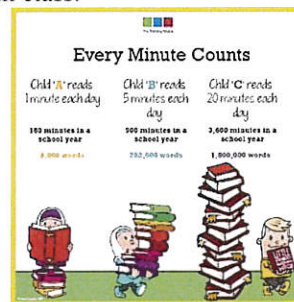
This term we have PE on a Monday so please ensure that your children have appropriate kit for indoor and outdoor activities. We will also be swimming each Friday so please ensure their swimming kit is in each week.

Reading

It is important that the children read a minimum of 3 times a week however, when possible, more is preferable. Not only does it help them with their fluency of reading and comprehension, but also their writing. In year 6 the children are able to pick their own reading books as we want to promote a love of reading, but please ensure that if they are reading a book from home, that it is suitably challenging.

As we know that the children often read to themselves, we trust them to write in their own reading records (the book and page number.) However, if this is the case, please can you ensure that they are actually doing the reading by questioning them on their book when possible.

Questioning is incredibly important to develop their comprehension. There are example questions within their reading record for you to use. Using these as frequently as possible will assist the children with their work in class.



Homework

In preparation for Secondary School, please be aware in the increased amount of homework the children will be receiving in year 6. They will get a piece of Maths or Literacy homework (Approximately 30 minutes' worth) each week. We also expect the children to practise their times tables for their daily timetables rock star sheets.

It would also be beneficial for the children to use the Timetable Rock Star app (both on Apple and Android platforms) to help them engage with timetables and improve their recall.

This term the children need to produce a Topic Project exploring *The Frozen Kingdom*. In this they can explore any aspect they wish, however the children must produce some work that includes writing. Homework will be due in Thursday 18th October 2018.

Although at this age we expect the children to be completing their homework themselves, please feel free to assist them in getting resources, ideas etc. It is important that all homework is completed and in on time. There will always be spare copies available on the homework board outside the classroom and the children will be given dates on which their homework is due in.

Each week there will be a homework club (Monday break) where we will make ourselves available to assist any children who are struggling with their homework. Moreover, if the children are struggling to find time or resources to complete their homework at home, they are more than welcome to attend the club.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
Miss Chatel, Mrs Parks and Mr Huntley