

Welcome to Year 5/6

The Year 5/6 Team would like to welcome you back after the summer holidays. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

We have a number of adults who work in class at different points during the week:

Mrs. Annette is our Classteacher. **Mrs. Cliffe and Mrs. Roberts** are our Higher Level Teaching Assistants with **Mrs. Hitchen** as our Special Support Assistant.

What is it like to be in Year 5 and 6?

Year Five and Six are memorable years in so many ways. During the two years we see the children grow and mature into responsible individuals who are ready to tackle the demands of moving on from Primary school. Year 6 is a challenging final year aimed to prepare the children for life at their chosen secondary schools.

As this is such a crucial year in a child's primary year, good attendance is vital. In our class we have an 'I can' attitude; we encourage every child to strive to achieve their full potential regardless of their individual starting points. In the summer term the Year 6 children will complete their SATs and we, as a school, will do everything we can to help your child prepare for these. We appreciate your continued support in encouraging your child to achieve their best. Expectations of the children are very high in all aspects of school life. Year 5 and 6 children are also given additional responsibilities around the school, this includes Monitors. The children are also given a 'buddy' to support in the Foundation Stage and they are encouraged to support younger children in their play and friendships.

We have got a number of exciting things planned for throughout the year. These will include visitors, concerts, days out and a trip to Waddow in the Summer term (2017) for our Year 6 pupils. Details about these events will be provided nearer the time.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your child needs only a book bag (or similar) and a **drawstring or small** bag for P.E. Please can you ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled. All other equipment will be provided.

P.E kits **must** be in school on the days your child has P.E - preferably everyday if possible. P.E. days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework:

Your child will receive a Planner. This is in order to prepare them for secondary school and help them to remember all that is required. We would ask that you encourage your child to complete their homework both independently and with your support (talking through and discussion) and hand it in on time.

Spelling homework will be set on a **Thursday** and a **test will be carried out the following Thursday**.

Numeracy/English and **Topic** homework will be set on a **Thursday** and **due in** on the following **Wednesday**.

Reading books:

Reading should be a pleasure. We would ask that you encourage your child to read as much and widely as possible, sharing and discussing the texts they are reading with them. The ability to read, comprehend and discuss coherently and articulately underpins much of your child's learning.

Your child will receive a Reading Record in their planner that they need to complete showing what they have read and when. Please can we ask that you sign to confirm these, as they will be checked and rewards for reading given. Your child must have a reading book in school every day.

How you can help your child?

- Support daily reading - In Year 5 and 6 children should be reading regularly, this could be with a family member, a brother or sister or independently. They are being challenged to read a range of genres over the year to widen their reading choices.
- Support and encouragement with homework, help your child to organise themselves by encouraging responsibility and independence. This will aid them greatly in preparing for Secondary school.
- We urge you to attend our meet the teacher workshops and Parent Evenings where we will share ideas and activities to help your child at home.

Please remember that you are always welcome to talk to us about your child, we would ask that you make an appointment at the school office so as not to disturb learning time. We look forward to working with you and your child, Year 5 and 6 are fun and rewarding years for everyone! Thank you for your continuing support- we are looking forward to an exciting term.

The Year 5/6 Team:-

Mrs. Annette, Mrs. Cliffe, Mrs. Hitchen and Mrs. Roberts