

5th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind Christmas cards, presents and wishes. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for 2018!

Timetable

Our timetable this term is largely the same as last year:

Monday afternoons will be IT with Mrs Worrall and **outdoor PE**.

On a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Nicholl will teach the children art and PSHE/ RE.

Thursday afternoons will be Science with Mrs Worrall and **outdoor PE**.

This half term we are continuing our topic on Ancient Greece. If your child carries out any independent research at home, please encourage them to bring in what they have learned to share with the class. In Science we will be continuing to learn about Forces. Within the science topic we will undertake the 'Crash Vehicle Project' as part of a road safety initiative.

Homework

Spellings will still be set and tested on a Tuesday. In the run up to SATs, it is important that the children spend time learning their spellings thoroughly. It is also beneficial to look back at spellings from previous weeks and check that they have not been forgotten.

Maths homework will still be set on a Friday – to be handed in on Monday/Tuesday. Homework will continue to be set from a workbook every week, although as the year progresses there may be additional 're-cap' homework or work to support classwork. Children still need to continue practising their times tables as this impacts on many aspects of maths.

English homework will also be set every Friday, and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Like last term, some weeks this will be a comprehension exercise from a work book and some weeks it will involve writing sentences on a particular focus.

Please, please encourage your children to read at home - **reading stamina is so important**.

Now they are in Year 6, the children need to get into the routine of completing homework carefully and handing it in on time, so that they are ready to meet these expectations at secondary school in September.

The children worked extremely hard last term, and have already made a great start to the new year. For your information **SATs** are during the **week beginning Monday 14th May 2018**. We will begin some SATs preparation but I absolutely don't want any of the children to be worried by the prospect of summer tests. They are a delightful class to teach, as they are able to balance fun with hard work – this is something we are aiming to maintain throughout the year, even during the run up to SATs.

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or worries at all. Many thanks for your continued support, and a happy new year to you all.

Kind regards,

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