

14th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

The first week at school was fantastic; the children have settled into their new classes brilliantly and we are very impressed with their work ethic and how well they've adapted to being senior members of the school community. The aim of this letter is to give you a brief overview of this term.

This term Year 5's topic is 'Small Town Big History' which looks at the history of Street, so please share any interesting insights about the village with your child. The children will have the opportunity to have a walk around Street and visit Millfield House as part of this topic. They will also be holding a mini Glastonbury festival which focuses on art and performance. In science, the Year 5s will be looking at how to conduct a fair test, properties of materials and will be visiting the science museum, 'We the Curious' on Wednesday 20th October. In English, Year 5 have started the fantastic 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar and will be improving their knowledge of place value in mathematics. Year 5 PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon with the PE leaders and with the class teacher on Thursday morning, working on their core skills.

This term, Year 6 will be learning about World War II, studying the causes and impact of the war. We will be visiting Nothe Fort in Weymouth for an evacuee experience. In science, Year 6 will begin with a biology focus, 'Animals, including humans' and will move onto Electricity during the second half of the term. In English Year 6 have started 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian which details the experience of an evacuee. In mathematics the children will develop their knowledge of the four operations and place value. Year 6 PE will take place on Wednesday afternoon with the PE leaders and with the class teacher on Friday. Please note that some children in the year group will be swimming on Friday mornings.

Reminders

Spellings	The weekly spelling rule will be sent home in the children's spelling books on Monday. They will be tested on the following Monday.
Reading	This year the children will be required to complete a weekly reading activity in their journal. We ask that reading takes place a minimum of four times a week and the journal is brought to school every Monday.
PE	Following P.E lessons, children will be wearing their kit home to ensure end of day is as smooth and efficient as possible. Please ensure your child is wearing joggers in colder weather. School P.E kit is a red t-shirt and dark, preferably black, joggers/shorts.
Maths Homework (this only applies to Year 6)	One piece of Maths homework will be sent home on Monday. The homework is based on the week's learning. Please spend no more than 30 minutes on the work; if it is not completed in that time, please do not worry and send in what has been done. If your child does not understand the work, please encourage them to seek their teacher's help before the day it is due in. The homework will be marked and discussed in class on Tuesday. The aim of completing homework is to support the learning that is done in class and begin to prepare them for the expectations of secondary school.
Other	On some occasions, your child may have an additional piece of work to complete; this is often set to support their topic work.

Thank you for your continued support with the new arrangements. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Mrs Rapsey, Mrs Whatling, Mrs Moore & Mr Sansam