



Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year, it is lovely to have all of the children back together. We have now launched into our regular timetable of lessons. As well as share with you the main topics for this term, we also wanted to provide you with some general information about organisation and expectations in Year 6.

### Curriculum

This term, in English we have now launched straight into Victorian London and the world of Sherlock Holmes. For Maths, we will be looking at place value and the four operations and fractions. Maths lessons will consist of fluency, reasoning and problem solving. In addition to this, we will be developing our arithmetic skills through early bird maths (a chance to break down the arithmetic test and have a specific focus for the week). Children will complete a weekly arithmetic test, which they will bring home to share with you.

<i>Autumn 1</i>	<i>Autumn 2</i>
<b>Science</b> – Evolution and Inheritance	
<b>Geography</b> – Economic activity, natural resources and trade links (History in spring term)	
<b>Computing</b> – Online Safety	<b>Computing</b> – Coding
<b>Art</b> - Wildlife	<b>DT</b> – Food celebrating cultures and seasonality
<b>PSHE</b> – Me and my relationships	<b>PSHE</b> – Valuing difference
<b>RE</b> - Imagery	<b>RE</b> - Salvation
<b>PE</b> – Netball	<b>PE</b> – Tag Rugby

### Homework

Several pieces of homework (Reading comprehension, SPAG and maths) will be given out weekly to ready the children for secondary school. Homework will be set on purple mash on a Monday to be handed in for the following Monday. Children will be expected to complete all tasks set in this given time frame. Homework will be marked online and rewarded with gems and merits. We appreciate that sometimes children need a helping hand and therefore we will be offering assistance with homework on a Tuesday lunchtime. Each piece of homework should take no longer than ten minutes.



### **Reading Journal**

Reading expectations continue to be the same - we will expect children to read 4 times a week and for at least 15 minutes per session to build up reading stamina ready for secondary school. We are encouraging the children to widen their range of genres. Your child will either be reading a school library book or a colour banded book. We would like to use the reading journals to capture the breadth of reading. For example, it could be a summary of what they have read, questions raised from the reading, a prediction of what might happen next, words they have 'magpied', glossary of unknown words etc. Furthermore, we have attached a suggested reading list for Year 6, which we hope you will find useful.

### **Spelling**

The children will be encouraged to attach their weekly spellings in the journal as well as keep a record of their personal spelling progress through the spelling lists in the middle. Please ensure the reading journal is in school daily. The children will be sent home with 10 spellings a week. We would encourage children to use the different strategies to practise at home.

### **PE**

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon and on a Friday, children need to come dressed in their PE kit wearing their school jumper. We will begin our outdoor learning after half term and we will send more guidance nearer the time.

We are really looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher either at the classroom door or via the year group email: [year6@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:year6@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

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