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Year 6

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to keep you updated with plans and expectations for Year 6. As you are probably aware this is a very important year for your child and we appreciate your support with your child's progress.

Homework:

We would like to stress that homework is an important aspect of your child's education and must be completed every week. Homework will be given out for Maths, English and Reading.

Maths and English homework will be based on the work your child has done during the week and is designed to reinforce their classwork.

All homework will be given out on a Thursday or Friday and will be due in the following **Tuesday**.

Reading Diaries

Children will also have reading diaries to complete on a weekly basis, these are also due in each **week**. The children will have various tasks to complete for their diaries and these are used to encourage your child to read at home. The book they choose to complete their work does not need to be their school reading book.

Reading at home

There is a focus on children reading at home and the planners have been changed to reflect this. Year 6 children are expected to read their school reading books at least three times per week and record their reading in their planners. The children can write their book title along with pages read and it up to you who writes in the comments box however we do ask that you sign to confirm your child has read.

Planners

Planners are to be brought into school everyday and the children are aware that they are to have their planners signed by parents/guardians weekly.

Topic

This term, our topic is: 'Blitz and Pieces' and is based on World War II. We started off our topic with a visit from 'The Dinky Doos' a duo who specialise in songs from the World War II era. The children heard, and sang along to a number of well known war-time songs and learnt about the instruments that were used to play them.



Trips



We have two trips planned this term. The first is a trip to Shugborough Hall as part of the Blitz and Pieces topic of World War 2 (trip letter to follow this week) on an evacuee experience day. Both staff and children are looking forward to the experience which involves the children taking part in a 'Blitz experience' where they will be experiencing life during war-time Britain. (Please note that on this day the children are required to dress up as an evacuee – see pictures for costume ideas)

The second is a trip to the New Vic Theatre in December to watch their Christmas production of 'The Borrowers'.

Attendance

Attendance is still a key school priority this year. Children should be encouraged to attend school every day unless there is a genuine reason for them to remain at home. If your child is not well enough to attend school please phone the office to inform us of this by 10 am. 90% in exams is great but 90% attendance is the equivalent to half a day a week absence. Holidays can not be authorised in school time anymore unless under exceptional circumstances so please work with us by avoiding booking holidays in term time.

Finally, if there are any questions or queries regarding Year 6 please speak to any member of staff from the Year 6 team.

Helping your child at home:

Fantastic websites to help with your child's learning:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise