

Monday 19th April 2021

Dear Parents & Children of Class 6,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and were finally able to meet up and spend some quality time with loved ones. I don't know about all of you but I honestly can't believe it is April already!

Firstly, I would just like to let you know how pleased and proud we were of the children for the part of last term that they returned to school. They all settled back into routines brilliantly and worked really hard. Seeing smiling faces and positives attitudes every day was amazing.

Now that it is finally the summer term, I think we are all ready for a fresh start - hopefully, with no interruptions now! We have so many wonderful topics to explore together, which I hope the children are going to love.

Many of the children are starting to think about their futures after Cobham, following the news of their secondary school placements. It is an exciting yet nerve-wracking time for many of them.....and possibly for many parents too! The secondary schools are in the process of organising transition days for our Year 6 children (which will be happening face to face this year - hooray!) and I'm sure you will hear from your child's secondary school in due course regarding this.

While we will be addressing the transition process in detail to ensure the children are as prepared as possible for the next step in their school careers, this will not be until Term 6.

In Term 5, we are really focusing on honing and building on our skills in all subjects, especially English and Maths, keeping our routine as settled as possible after such a long period away from school. During Term 6, I will be personally speaking to the appropriate members of staff from all of the secondary schools in detail about each child's levels in all areas of the Year 6 curriculum. Therefore, it is really important that they continue to focus and work hard at school for the remaining two terms. Secondary schools ask me about everything, from effort levels to the quality of homework, so this last part of the year is still certainly a time to impress!

We know that lots of the children were disappointed with the news that Kingswood will not be going ahead this year. Although many of them had been really looking forward to the week, the children were very sensible in their attitudes about the situation and dealt with the announcement in an incredibly mature way. We may not be off to Kingswood as planned but we will do our best to provide the children with some other fun, exciting activities during the last term of the year instead. The children were all very keen to share their ideas for activities so as soon as we have more concrete details, we will let you all know!

With only two terms remaining, please do continue to encourage the children to complete their homework on time, ensuring it is at school on the due date. This is a routine they must have fully established and in place before secondary school, where the consequences will be much graver if it is not in school on time! As always, please do look over your child's homework with them - particularly their Spelling Contract - to check that they are on track and that words have been used in the correct context. We are really looking for high-quality, display-worthy homework this term so really challenge your child to show off their skills and knowledge in an imaginative way!

It is absolutely crucial that the children continue to read every day - please do encourage their love of reading by asking them questions about what they are reading and showing an interest in their books.

English

In English, we are starting the term with our belated celebration of Book Week. This year, our text is an inspirational tale called *The Joy In You*. I think the children will really enjoy this charming story and it will inspire some fabulous writing. For the rest of the summer term, we will be studying some intriguing texts with challenging story lines, such as *The Highwayman*, *Two Weeks with the Queen* and *Wonder* to stimulate writing opportunities. As always, the children will be writing in a variety of styles and genres, aiming to employ more complex sentence structures, increasingly advanced vocabulary and higher-level punctuation.

Maths

In Maths, we have lots of new concepts to learn and lots of new challenges to explore! We will begin the term by looking at percentages, exploring how to apply our understanding to a range of different problem-solving situations. The children will then move onto ratio, measurement, geometry and algebra. During this summer term, we will also be giving the children opportunities to consolidate and practise existing mathematical skills, to really embed the knowledge they have gained this year.

Science

We will be covering Sex Education in this summer term. As the children missed their growing up talk in Year 5 due to schools being closed, we will be covering some aspects of the Year 5 curriculum too. We will give the children ample opportunities to pose questions to us at school as we are very keen that they are all prepared for the emotional and physical changes that puberty will bring. The children may come home with questions about puberty and their bodies as it is a topic that always sparks curiosity - just so you are aware.

History

Our History moves onto the topic of Crime and Punishment. The children will explore Crime and Punishment through the ages in British history.

Art

In Art, we will be continuing to develop our perspective skills, using a range of different mediums to create artwork linked to our English text: *The Highwayman*.

RE

RE is the study of exploring the importance of art and architecture compared with generosity and kindness within two different religions and cultures. It is a fascinating topic and will give the children time to explore their own understanding and questions about religion.

French

In French, we will carry on with our fun, interactive *Tout le Monde* programme.

PSHE

PSHE will be looking at our topic of Economic Choices. The children will explore this topic through a range of activities to develop their understanding further.

PE

PE will continue to be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that PE kit arrives at school on Monday mornings, ready for the week ahead.

Finally, if you have any worries or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available at the end of the school day or you can contact me via email at any time.

Kind Regards,
Miss Slade, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Hargrove