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Y6 Curriculum Newsletter – No Place Like Home

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to give you an insight into what your child will be learning about in the autumn term in Y6 as well as outlining a few admin essentials.

As you already know the children will be off to PGL in week 1. A couple of reminders in preparation for PGL:

- Children to arrive at school on Monday at the normal time – the coach leaves at 11:30am
- Bring a packed lunch and a drink in a plastic bag (no lunch boxes)
- If your child needs medication please bring on Monday morning – clearly labelled and with instructions
- Don't forget a sleeping bag and pillow
- Remember to pack plastic bags for wet clothes and dirty washing
- Children will need two pairs of trainers (one pair that you don't mind getting wet)

As you may already be aware I have been acting Deputy Head since May half term while Mrs Gilroy is on maternity leave and will be continuing this role throughout the Autumn Term. In order to complete this role I will be out of class every Thursday and Friday up until Christmas and Mrs Adams will be covering my PPA and management time. Therefore Mrs Adams will be joining us at PGL on Thursday and I will be returning to school for the Friday. This way Mrs Adams has the opportunity to get to know the children herself.

The autumn topic is 'No Place Like Home'. In English throughout the term the children will be writing recounts and reports which will be linked to their PGL activity week. They will also be studying a significant author, writing arguments and discussions. Our Maths topics this term will be number and place value, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, geometry, shape, position and direction and statistics.

In D&T the children will be developing their sewing techniques in textiles and use of mouldable materials to create a 3D model. The children will be studying living things and habitats as well as looking at the topic of light in Science. Our History topic in the autumn term is a study of the Mayan Civilisation with our Geography topic a study of rivers, oceans, seas, lakes and the water cycle. Our Computing unit of work is 'Using the Internet' and 'Presentation'.

PE will be on a Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon - hockey, netball, dance and gymnastics. Please can you ensure that all PE kit items are clearly named and remind your child that they will be responsible for their kit at all times.

Spellings will be given on a Monday along with a reading journal activity, a maths sheet related to the topic being studied and also a SPAG task. **All** homework tasks need to be handed in on the following Monday therefore it is up to the children to manage their tasks throughout the week and not leave it all until Sunday evening. Project homework will be given occasionally. This provides an opportunity for the children to show off their creative side and present their work in a variety of ways.

Children's reading passports will be checked regularly, so it is important that your child brings it to school every day. They will also need their reading passports during guided reading sessions. Please continue to sign your child's reading passport each day that they read as we are giving out special stickers in Friday's award assembly for children that read 4 days or more in the week. I hope this letter helps to give you a little information into what your child will be doing in the spring term. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Phillips and Mrs Hadfield