Friday, 2nd September 2016

Spain class

Important Information about Year 6

Welcome to Year 6
Year 6 Team
Miss Standen (Class Teacher)
Mrs Semaine (Teaching Assistant) covering PPA on a Monday afternoon
Mr Robinson (Teacher) Covering Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons whilst Miss Standen carries out intervention work with small groups

Please find attached a copy of our weekly timetable. It outlines core and foundation subject coverage. Please note P.E times (Monday/Wednesday). Children need to remember P.E kits on these days.

Daily Carousel on the timetable involves children rotating around a series of activities including guided reading, individual reading, independent comprehension, maths comprehension and maths busters.

SATS
We want every child at Fairfield Community Primary School to achieve their maximum potential in terms of their education. To do this, we need you to ensure that your child attends school during the whole of term time. This is particularly important in their SATs year.

SATs are Standard Assessment Tests and they take place in the week beginning 8th May. They will include tests in English reading, Grammar and Maths. We will do everything possible to prepare your child for their SATs. Please emphasise the importance of these tests to your child whilst keeping them calm.

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Please note - Science/ICT/P.E will be taught weekly alongside the theme. RE/PSHE/Music/French will be taught in units throughout the year alongside themes.

Reading
Reading is very important for your child. There will be a focus on comprehension this year as this is a real target of the SATs reading paper. Children will have set reading times in class, but please encourage them to read at home as often as possible.
At Fairfield children are heard by an adult during Guided Reading and Carousel. Children will also be heard, at times, by 1 to 1 additional support adults. They must have their reading books in school every day.

Year 6 children need to bring their own reading book from home. Some children will remain on the Fairfield reading scheme, but they must also have their own book. This is to encourage children to read books that they find interesting and challenging. Books may be fact or fiction, but please be aware that if a book is deemed too easy or inappropriate your child will be asked to change their book. Children are expected to write a short review of each book when they have finished it; this will be completed in their Reading Journals.

Homework
All primary schools are expected to set homework for pupils. We believe that these should be manageable tasks that reinforce and extend the learning in school, or which allow parents/carers and children to work together in an enjoyable and positive way. Pupils are expected to complete homework and hand it in on time.
Alongside regular reading, pupils will be given homework tasks to do on a Monday and homework books should be returned the following Monday. Children may also be expected to complete extended projects at home from time to time. There will also be a weekly spelling test. New spellings will be handed out on a Friday. At other times, parents can help children to research topics, or carry out activities at home including encouraging children to use Education City and Mathletics. Please refer to the themed subjects.

Clubs open to Year 6
There will be a variety of clubs open to Year 6 this year, please keep an eye out for letters coming home.

E-Safety
Many families now have computers at home and allow children to access the internet to help with learning activities. This is particularly useful in Year 6 as there are many websites that can help with SATs revision. Whilst the internet is a fantastic learning resource please ensure that they are properly supervised or that your computer is adequately protected with filters to prevent children from accessing inappropriate material.
At school we take this very seriously. Children will be taught about staying safe on-line. For further advice and guidance on this, please refer to CEOP www.ceop.police.uk/
Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

**Equipment**
Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform and that all items are clearly labelled (see school uniform policy available in the office). We have a lost property box in our hall. If your child loses any item please check in that box as a first port of call. In Year 6 children are expected to be fully responsible for their own property.

**P.E**
Please follow the School uniform policy and ensure all kit is named. It would be helpful if you could provide socks for girls who wear tights to school as tights are not permitted to be worn for PE for health and safety reasons. PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag on cloakroom pegs. Please do not use large rucksacks as these will not fit on the pegs.

We do P.E in Year 6 on a Monday and Wednesday. For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn for PE, and children will be asked to remove any that they are wearing.

**Important Dates for your diary**
- Parents Evenings Autumn - 11th October and 13th October
- Half Term week commencing - Monday, 17th October
- Children in Need - Friday, 18th November
- Christmas decorations morning - Friday, 2nd December, 9am - 12
- Christmas Fair - Friday, 2nd December, 3.30pm - 5pm
- Christmas disco (Key Stage 2) - Wednesday, 14th December at 7.15 - 8.15pm
- Last day before Christmas break - Friday, 16th December
- First day back after Christmas - Wednesday, 4th January

**Residential**
There will be a residential to Weymouth in Year 6 from Monday, 5th June to Friday 9th June.

I hope this information has been helpful. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a meeting.

Many thanks from the Year 6 Team (Miss Standen, Mrs Semaine and Mr Robinson)