Spain class
Important Information about Year 6

Year 6 Team

Mr Keene (Class Teacher)
Mrs Semaine (HLTA) – also covering PPA on a Monday afternoon
Miss Poile (1:1 LSA)

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.

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 every day. This is particularly important in their SATs year as we build towards the statutory tests in May 2019.

SATs are Standard Assessment Tests and they take place in the week beginning 13th May. Please make sure your child is in school this week. This week will include tests in English reading, Grammar and Maths. There may also be a Science assessment this year (the government will announce which schools will take part later in the year.) We will do everything possible to prepare your child (including booster sessions that may take place before, during or after school) for their SATs. Please emphasise the importance of these tests to your child whilst keeping them calm.

Themed work this year

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Meet the Greeks

Spring 2
Australia
Summer 1 (April – July)
Thrills and Spills
Summer 2
Save the Rainforest

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 – the Reading Olympics

Reading is very important for your child and the children in Year 6 will all tell you how passionate I am about reading. Therefore, children will have set reading times in class and we are continuing the ‘Reading Olympics’ at Fairfield this year – whereby children will have a reading journal which needs to be signed and dated each time your child reads to you at home. We expect children to read at home with an adult three times a week. This is linked to in-school rewards and displays. Please make sure you keep reading regularly and signing the book.

Year 6 children need to choose a book from the shelves in class or 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.

Alongside regular reading, pupils will be given homework to complete online – Prodigy for Maths and Readtheory for English – as these programmes provide great practice of key skills that are
required for the SATs in May. Pupils are expected to complete homework on time. This will be checked every Friday. There will also be a weekly spelling test. New spellings will be handed out on a Friday.

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/ (Child 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.
Residential

There will be a residential to Weymouth in Year 6 which will take place in June, after the completion of their SATs. There will be a payment plan for the residential visit therefore spreading the cost evenly over the course of the year.

Key dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th October & Thursday 11th October – Parents evening
Monday 15th October – Friday 19th October – Half term
Thursday 25th October – Flu immunisation
Friday 7th December - Decoration morning and Christmas fayre (after school)
Friday 21st December - Last day of Autumn term

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,
Year 6 team