

Monday 7th September 2020

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Six! This year, the Year 6 teaching team consists of Miss Saunders in Everest, Miss Deere in Annapurna, Mr Weeks in Fuji and Mr Kirby in Elbrus. We also have a wonderful team of support staff to assist us, including Mrs Baker, Mrs Williams and Mrs Gibson, amongst others. It goes without saying that the start of this academic year will feel different after such a prolonged period away from the school building, but we are incredibly pleased to welcome the children back and look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks.

With this letter we have included our half termly theme overview for our current topic '**Crime and Punishment.**' Please discuss the images with your child and help them to consider questions they would like to investigate over the coming weeks.

In **English**, we will be focusing on writing a mysterious narrative which will help the children to hone their skills at using grammar to create tension. We will also be developing punctuation and grammar skills as part of our discreet weekly lessons.

Mathematics will have a focus on place value and the four operations in the coming weeks. We are aware of the need to provide additional support in order to enable your children to achieve their full potential this year therefore specific children may be targeted for additional support.

In addition to our usual curriculum, we will also be supporting children in processing the events of recent months by delivering a '**Recovery Curriculum.**' We have drawn upon a number of resources, including Jigsaw which we already use for PHSE, to inform age-appropriate lessons centred around reflecting on their experiences of lockdown and sudden school closure. These lessons are designed to acknowledge their thoughts and feelings in a safe space and thus allow them to move forward from their experiences of the pandemic.

In order to get the elephant out of the room early, so as to speak, I would like to inform you that the government plans for Year 6 children to take the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) as usual at the end of Year 6 in the week beginning Monday 10th May. We endeavour to give your children all the support they require in order to achieve their potential in these assessments and hope to work collaboratively with pupils and parents/carers alike in order to ensure this.

Home learning will be set on a Monday and due in on the following Monday. If it is not completed by the Tuesday children will be asked to give up 20 minutes of their Tuesday Lunchtime in order to complete it. This is to enable children who find homework challenging to complete at home to complete it and prepare them appropriately for secondary school.

Week Beginning: 3 rd September 2020		
Homework		
Monday	Reading: Write a comment about what you have read e.g. 'I was surprised when Harry was angry at Hagrid as they are usually good friends,' and make sure your diary is signed by an adult.	Talk: A question will be delivered to the whole school on a Monday and will be accompanied by a SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) focus. Please sign your child's diary to indicate that they have completed it.
Tuesday	Reading: As above.	Mathematics: A mathematics sheet will be given and must to be handed into their teacher on the following Monday. Please communicate any problems with homework via the homework diary.
Wednesday	Reading: As above.	Spellings: Spellings will be given and tested on Thursdays. Please make sure they are practised throughout the week.
Thursday	Reading: As above.	Times tables: Times tables will be taught on a Friday. Please make sure they are practised throughout the week using Times tables Rock Stars.
Friday	Reading: As above.	
Spellings I need to Learn		Things to remember
Spellings that need to be learnt will be recorded in this box.		

Please ensure that your child is equipped for school with a **blue handwriting pen, red pen, whiteboard pen, pencil and ruler**. Due to the Covid-19 guidelines we will not be able to hand out any stationary therefore, these items are essential to ensure children are ready for learning.

As the oldest members of the school, Year 6 children are important role models for the younger pupils. Uniform should be worn neatly and with pride: skirts to the knee, ties worn to the waistband. The only jewellery permitted is watches and small stud earrings (which must be removed for PE). They are also role models in their P.E uniform. Please ensure they have green shorts, school polo t-shirt and a school tracksuit for the winter. Dark green or black skins are permitted to be worn underneath the school shorts and t-shirt for warmth. Children **will not** be permitted to wear school jumpers, cardigans or tights for P.E. as they are not sportswear. As per Covid-19 guidelines, children will need to attend school in their P.E. kit on Tuesday and Friday.



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I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions about anything. In addition, please refrain from using Facebook as a forum on which to voice your concerns as teachers are unable to reply and thus resolve concerns.

We are aware that this is an important year for the children on top of enduring a significant absence from the school building. However, we have every confidence that they will be successful in achieving their best and we are looking forward to supporting them in doing so.

Kind regards,

Miss Saunders, Mr Weeks, Miss Deere, Mr Kirby