



Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term.  
We hope that you have all had a lovely, restful holiday!



Mrs Holme will be the class teacher for Y5/6PH this year. In addition to this, the children will enjoy a weekly music lesson with Mr Form and a PE lesson with Mrs Bullock. Mrs Etherington will be assisting the children in all classes in the mornings and then working with individuals and small groups in the afternoons. Year 5 children will be taught their maths lessons by Mrs Holme and the Year 6 children will be split between Mrs Howe/Mrs Cornock and Mrs Clarke.

We are working hard to establish our routines quickly so that the children become familiar with our schedule. As a part of this, we will collect the children from the playground from 8:50 am so that they can be in class learning promptly for 9:00 am. The end of the day for the children will be 3:25pm unless other arrangements have been agreed with your class teacher. Please note that there is no supervision on the playground until 8:50am.

Our main Imaginative Learning Project for this term is Dynamic Dynasties and is a History based theme. We are also teaching a number of mini subject-driven projects. A separate Curriculum Letter will be sent outlining what these projects will involve.

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### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS!**



- All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- P.E. kits should be brought to school on a Monday and left in school until Friday, when they should be taken home to be washed. The P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers - NOT joggers or leggings. These should only be provided to wear outdoors in colder months as a part of a track suit or to accompany an extra sweatshirt. Please note that trainers should not double up as school shoes and should be sturdy enough for muddy days outdoors. It is a good idea to include a carrier bag to store muddy trainers after lessons so that your child's PE isn't dirtied. PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Any child whose hair is long enough to be tied back must have it tied back for P.E. and they should bring in a bobble for this purpose. Earrings must be removed (by the child) or covered with tape (provided by parents/ carers).
- The only jewellery allowed to be worn in school are watches and *discrete* stud earrings.
- Nail varnish should not be worn to school.
- We encourage children to bring a water bottle in to the classroom to keep them hydrated.



## Homework

Children will be set weekly homework **online** of Spelling Shed and will also be provided with comprehension, punctuation and grammar and maths homework. Children will be set their homework on a Monday and will be expected to hand it in the following Monday, giving one full week to complete their tasks. Your child will receive a school common login and password to access the spelling shed platform and also a Times Table Rockstar password if they wish to practise their multiplication facts at home. These passwords will be provided in the coming weeks. The children will also be set 'creative homework' which links to our current topic. For this, children will be able to choose from a range of activities to complete by a given deadline.

**If your child does not have internet access at home, please speak to us to discuss alternative arrangements or provision.**



## Reading

We encourage reading at home with your child and the expectation in Year 5 and Year 6 is that children will read for 15-20 minutes every weekday. Book club books will be provided and weekly reading will be set to expose the children to a wide and varied reading diet. Children are also encouraged to read books they have independently selected at home to support reading for pleasure. The children should keep a record of what they have read in their Reading Record books which will be signed daily.

The Reading Record book also contains some useful aide memoires such as the Y5/6 Statutory Spelling List.

All children are encouraged to read as much as possible to promote both fluency and understanding. We will have a weekly visit to the school library when children can choose books to bring home.



As always, if you have any questions relating to any of these arrangements, or indeed anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Mrs Holme