



6th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

I hope that you all had a good summer break and a lovely holiday. I would like to welcome the children back to their final year of primary school. They are all growing up so fast! Year 6 will offer your child all kinds of opportunities, responsibilities and challenges and there are many exciting things in store for them this year. Attached is a curriculum map with a brief outline of the work we will be covering this term. I hope you find this useful as you discuss school life with your child.

The children have been issued with a timetable, but here is some further information for you:

- Swimming will start **tomorrow** and will continue every Friday this term. Please make sure that your child has their kit and a swimming hat. Please send a note to me if, for any reason, your child is not swimming.
- P.E. lessons take place on a Wednesday afternoon.
- **Please make sure that all clothing and personal items are clearly named.** This will enable lost items to be returned easily.
- We encourage children to bring named water bottles to school, especially during hot weather. Snack may be purchased at break times: prices start at 10p for a piece of toast and are no more than 50p per item. Children are responsible for looking after their own snack money.
- Homework will be sent home on Fridays and be due back the following Wednesday. I will typically set a piece of Maths and a piece of Literacy and

these will usually be consolidation of work that has been covered in class. The children will be given a folder for homework.

- Please encourage your child to read at home, either to you or to themselves. They are not too old to be heard read or to be read to! It is important that children read a variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction. Group reading will happen in class on a daily basis and they will also have time for individual reading, so it is important that children always have a book 'on the go; which of course, they will be able to choose from the school library, but they may also bring books from home. They have been given a Reading Journal in which to record their reading, so please encourage this at home. Children who read four times a week can enter into the school weekly reading draw and win a book of their choice. Last year we won more times than any other class and I am hoping we can keep this up!

I shall be holding a 'Year 6 Meet the Teacher' session on Tuesday 11th September at 3:45pm when I will largely be going through the points in this newsletter but also be available to answer any questions or for parents to communicate important information about their children.

More detailed information about SATs, Mersea Island residential trip or High School Transition will be relayed to you closer to the time and will not be covered in this meeting.

If you do have any queries or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me or make an appointment.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead, working to support your child on their learning journey.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. L-A. Wheeler

Year 6 Class teacher



