



Ashley Junior School

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5th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back Year 6!

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Spring Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from 9:00am Friday 1st March or via the school office.

English

Writing will take place in all subject areas. We will be writing non-chronological reports, persuasive letters and diaries, many of which will be based on our topic of the rainforest and around our class text, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell.

Home-learning

Reading Record

We continue to expect the children to read regularly for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for year 6. This will be celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter. In addition working on their reading plus account will support their reading speed and comprehension as they look towards their reading SATS.

Spelling

Similarly the children will continue to use 'DoodleSpell'. The programme builds your child's spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have an impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' at least three times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

Maths

As well as an emphasis on mental maths, main topics include work on fractions, decimals, percentages as well as data-handling and statistics. In addition, we will be preparing the children for the SATs. Your child will be expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' the online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. We recommend completing at least three times per week for 10 minute sessions. As with Times

Tables Rock Stars, your child will be set work by their teachers and should regularly 'log in' from home to complete set tasks.

Your child should spend up to 30 minutes per day on home-learning tasks. Please endeavour to provide your child with support and a suitable place to work.

School Trips

We intend to repeat our very successful visit to Marwell this year and have obtained a significant grant towards the cost meaning the overall subsidised amount we will be requesting should be less than £10.

P.E.

P.E. will be on a Tuesday. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper.

Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request children bring a named water bottle in school every day. Please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. Bottles will need to return home and be washed every day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/. Alternatively, you may be entitled to free milk.

SATs

There will be an increased focus on preparing the children for their SATs tests during this term. As part of this, Y6 will be offering sessions at different times before and after school so that children can have support in working through the revision books they have purchased- a letter will follow with more details. If you have not already ordered revision books and wish to, these can be purchased through the school office.

Please remember not to take any planned holiday during SATs – week 13th - 16th May 2024.

Yours faithfully,

Year 6 Team