

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Information for parents and carers of children in Year 6- Autumn 2 2023

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half-term break and we are confident they will settle back in quickly and continue to work hard. This week we started our new topic about the Maya. The children have already started to research this fascinating culture and are enjoying finding out lots of new facts. We have attached a new home learning project all about the Ancient Maya; we look forward to seeing what they will create and find out.

Maths:

This half term we will be continuing to consolidate children's multiplication and division facts for all their times tables up to 12 x 12, as well as trying to increase the recall speed of these facts. Each child should continue to use their 'Times Tables Rockstars' account to practice these facts at home. You can access the website via our school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>

Reading:

We would like to remind you how important it is to encourage your child to read on a daily basis and we are so pleased with the children's reading efforts so far this year. In Year 6, children have an opportunity to change their books most days and therefore will be required to have their current reading book and reading diary in school with them at all times as this will help support the Accelerated Reader programme which we are running in school. It is important for us to ensure that daily reading is taking place both at school and at home in order to increase the children's reading pace and stamina in this important school year. Reading is monitored by teachers regularly and feedback is given to children. Throughout the year, we will be working hard to improve our class reading minutes and we hope to win the Upper Key Stage 2 Reading Trophy which is awarded on a weekly basis.

PE kit:

Your child will need to come to school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor PE on Tuesdays and outdoor PE on Thursdays. Trainers will be required for outdoor sessions. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it. Earrings are not permitted to be worn in PE and long hair must be tied back.

General reminders:

- Bring in a water bottle daily
- We have been advised to keep good levels of ventilation in school, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather becomes cooler

We are always happy to speak with parents. Please do catch us at the end of the day if you have a quick question or contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely
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Year 6 teachers