



Welcome to term 6!

Welcome back to term 6, our final term in year 5. There is a lot on in this final term, so it is important that your child is in every day. We have sports day to look forward to. Please look out for messages and information in newsletters or over Classdojo. On Tuesday 2nd June, there will be a meeting to discuss the transition to year 6. This meeting will also cover the CATs scores which have been sent home already, the Kent Test, and applying for secondary school places. This will be in Leopard Class at 3:30pm. Tree Frogs will be finishing their swimming sessions this term. Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the focus this term in each subject.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day for at least 15 minutes. When your child completes a book, please get them to bring the book into school so that they can complete the Accelerated Reader quiz about their book. The children are welcome to bring in books from home; they may still have a related quiz. Which class will complete the most quizzes this term? We would love to see a big increase in quiz completion.

Homework

We will continue to have a spelling test every Tuesday. The other homework task will be set on Mathletics. Please look out for messages on Classdojo to make sure your child is completing the correct task. Homework is an important way for children to prepare for secondary school, when the expectations will be even higher.

Fidget tools

At our school, we understand that every child is different and that some pupils may need additional support to help them feel calm, focused, and ready to learn. We recognise that fidget tools can be a positive part of inclusive practice and can support some children with self-regulation and concentration within the classroom.

Fidget tools are not toys, they are supportive resources that may help children with identified SEND needs to access learning more successfully. To make sure they are used in the most effective and appropriate way, decisions around fidget tools will be made together by the class teacher, parents/carers, and the SENCo, and included within a child's provision plan.

If you feel your child may benefit from using a fidget tool in class, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the SENCo. We value working closely with families to ensure every child feels supported, included, and able to thrive in school.

Reminders

Equipment: Please can we ask all children to come to school whenever possible, with a pencil case containing: Black handwriting pen, Pencil, sharpener, Ruler, Purple pen, and a Glue stick. They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils. Please check that your child has all the stationery they require to access their learning. Some items can be purchased from the office.

PE days: Our P.E days are Mondays and Fridays. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days.

We are here to help, so please let us know by chatting when you collect your child, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.

Thank you from the year 5 team:

Mr Parkin, Mrs Rajan, Mr May, Mrs Rowe,
Mrs Herst