



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE ; YEAR 6 AUTUMN TERM 2020 NEWSLETTER

Finally we are back! We hope everyone has had a good summer and managed some rest and relaxation after a strange few months.

As you know from letters from Mr. Hobson, school will look slightly different but this will have already been communicated to you through dojo and hopefully we can hit the ground running whilst also ensuring that children feel comfortable and safe in their new surroundings. As always we will be doing some transition activities, but this year we will be doing more than ever as it is so long since children have been in school as a class. We will also be giving them time to become more familiar with the new school systems, but please rest assured we have worked hard to make school a nice place to be too.

Below is a list of what we will be doing this term in all subjects. As you are aware Mrs Edwards will be continuing to teach the class maths and Miss Turner will be continuing to teach the class English. Mrs Sims will be supporting the class in English and Mrs Lovatt in maths and Miss Chirnside will be working with the class for most of the week. The afternoons will be shared between us both to ensure consistency for the class.

This school year, as always, we will be basing our English on popular children's texts and producing writing of different styles whilst completing activities surrounding reading. We will also be improving our grammar, handwriting and spellings. Where possible, we will be making links to our topic which for this term is "I'm an evacuee, get me out of here".

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Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Goodnight Mr Tom	
Numeracy	Please see attached summary sheet	
Science	Light	Electricity
Topic	See attached topic web	
RE	Creation	Incarnation
P.E	Hockey	Gymnastics
Computing	E-Safety	Coding
French	TBC	

Numeracy

Year 6 will be covering a variety of topics this term which will build upon all prior knowledge as well as covering gaps from the end of Year 5. As we reach areas that the children should have covered had lockdown not occurred then more depth will be given to the topic.

The children will receive speed tests every week on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** to develop their mental arithmetic skills. They will take home a copy of the speed test on **Wednesday and Thursday** for homework to help them to improve their score. The other homework for maths will be to learn specific key number facts each half term - Mrs Edwards will send details of these once they have been explained to the children.

If children have any problem with any aspect of their maths work they are asked to have a quiet word with Mrs Edwards or Mrs Lovatt.

English

Children will be given spelling homework through the usual format of a spelling booklet with a short activity to be completed Monday -Thursday night and handed in (preferably via email: alexa.turners@st-annes-browndedge.staffs.sch.uk) by the Friday. I have attached a spellings list for the spellings needed weekly. These are from the national statutory spelling list for

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Year 5 and 6. Additional homework activities will be set via email. We are trying to send as much via email due to current circumstances.

Any child who struggles with spelling will be put onto the Nessy programme at school. Spelling is a life skill and one that is tested 3 times over within SAT's: in a formal spelling test, within the children's everyday writing which is teacher assessed and within their SAT's grammar paper. Many children are able to learn spellings for a test but forget these spellings and spelling patterns soon after so we are hoping that a quick but consistent reinforcement will support your child in becoming a better speller. We really appreciate your support in this, but if you find your child is struggling with this please email me about possible techniques. We teach spelling in class using Read, Write, Inc Spelling and give children opportunities and resources to help them become good spellers.

Please encourage your child to read to an adult at home. They can read anything from their school reading book to a magazine or newspaper in order to improve their understanding and increase their enjoyment of reading. It is important to expose children to a range of genre so they can find the style of book that suits them. Children can read any book that they find interesting and we encourage them to read different genres and forms of text including magazines and non-fiction texts. There is a strong focus on guided reading within school, more so than individual reading as this encourages comprehension and discussion of text.

Please do not hesitate to email should you have any questions about homework. There are always helpful website links on our school website as well as the use of the Reading Prompt booklet which gives you support in how to question your child about what they have read. As well as just listening to your child read, it is important to discuss the text with them.

We look forward to sharing many successes with your child this year.

If you have any questions or queries concerning this email and attachments, please do not hesitate to contact me on alexa.turner@st-annes-brownedge.staffs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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