



Thursday 6th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term in Year 6! First of all, I would like to say thank you for the Christmas cards and presents I received – they were very much appreciated. As you will be aware from the letter sent before Christmas, there have been a number of staff changes around the school for this term, but in Year 6 staffing will stay the same with myself as the class teacher and Mrs Copplestone as the class TA. My Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) will be covered on Wednesday afternoons.

Our main topic this term is History – Ancient Greece. Please do see the Year 6 remote learning and class pages for more topic information.

Our PE day for this half-term is Tuesday, when we will be doing basketball. As usual, please come to school wearing your PE kit on a Tuesday. In addition to this, we also have Forest School on a Thursday morning. For forest school you need warm outdoor clothes and wellies as well as a change of shoes for the rest of the day. Please remember that long hair should be tied back every day. I will update you with our PE days for after half term nearer the time.

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and due in the following Tuesday. The children will have spellings to learn, a maths activity (Mathletics tasks one week and paper based the next) and a piece of topic related work. We do not expect your child to spend more than two and a half hours completing their homework. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

In Year 6 we expect that children write in pen. We do provide blue pens in school – but should they wish to, your child may bring in their own **suitable blue handwriting pen**. Fountain pens do take a lot of practise to use in order for the children not to smudge their words so we don't recommend using them at this point – but please also note that children do not write in biro in school.

The week starting 17th January, as you know we will be taking part in Pedal power – Hampshire's cycling proficiency course. The children will be split into groups throughout the day and will take it in turns to go out in small groups of 4 or 5 with one of the two instructors. When the children are not with instructors for their hour and a half slot per day, they will be rotating between different activities in the classroom. If your child is not taking part in the pedal power programme, they will have an extra classroom based activity for the day instead.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, or concerns at any point. I am always happy to give you a call.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Paine