

Thursday 7th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, another big thank you to all the children for the amazing effort that they have put in to all their learning this term. This attitude will put them in good stead for the terms to come. Below is an outline of what areas of the curriculum will be taught in Term 3.

Homework/Reading

Termly homework will continue to be set and a project will be worked on. This will be showcased at the end of the term. This has worked successfully so far and we look forward to what the children produce next term. The project this term is about our town and surrounding area, so the title is 'Sittingbourne'. Children can include anything about the town; newspaper articles, sports reports for our local teams, restaurant reviews, tips on where to eat and shop, reviews for films that they have seen here at our cinema. They can even look into the history of Sittingbourne, or tell us what they know about the area in which they live.

They will need to hand in their finished project at the end of term, but we expect to see it each Thursday, to make sure that they are on track and not falling behind. As a rule, we would expect to see around a page a week completed in their books. They cannot copy and paste things from the internet, or copy from a book. We would like the work to be their own and they should be as creative as possible. Guidance is on a sheet in their Homework Journals.

The children will also be set Mathematics tasks each week, which are linked to what they have been learning in class. The children have been given a homework diary in order to keep track of this and promote their independence.

The children should also read their reading book each night. It is important that your child reads on a regular basis and this should be recorded in their homework diary. Reading books and homework diaries should be brought to school daily and each read will be recorded to count towards the Westie Reading Challenge.

Weekly spellings will also be set and we will have a small test on these in class time each week.

Curriculum

Below are the topics that we will be studying, should you and your children wish to do any extra research:

Subject	Term 1
English	Skellig – David Almond Descriptive Writing Balanced Arguments Information Texts Autobiography Book Review
Maths	Decimals and Percentages Measurements
Science	Earth and Space Properties of materials
ICT	Coding and bug fixing - Scratch, using PowerPoint and Word, effective internet research.
Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art)	Sittingbourne over time: local area map making, comparing Sittingbourne to our twinned town in Belgium, how Sittingbourne has changed over time (land, industry, population), where Sittingbourne is located in the UK, local landmarks and geographical features.
R.E.	Sikhism

P.E	Social Skills, Balance and Agility
Music	Singing in preparation for Young Voices

Water Bottles

It is essential that all children in year 6 have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be taken home every day and refilled at home for the following day and can contain only water please.

PE

Children will need a PE kit in school everyday. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit will be needed during the colder months should we be outside for lessons on a dry day. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

PE Days

PE is on a Thursday for both classes. Swimming is on a Wednesday each week (for both classes). Swimming is part of the curriculum which means **all** children need to take part.

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. Black trainers are **not** acceptable. All children in year 6 should be wearing their tie to school every day as well as their blazer. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, earrings, large bows, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Burr and Mr Shepherd