Y6 Autumn Term 1 News

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 has finally arrived and many of the children will be returning to school for the first time since March. Please rest assured that every effort will be made by staff to help the children settle back into school life and to catch up on any learning that they may have missed. In normal circumstances we would be getting ready for our residential visit to Kingswood, but you will be aware that this has been postponed until the end of March.

In literacy this term we will be learning about different genres of fiction, identifying different word classes and writing narratives and recounts. Our first maths unit will cover place value and methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In science we will start the term learning about living things and their habitats including how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics.

PE Kits will be needed on Monday each week, but PE lessons will not start until Monday 14th September. Please be aware that on Monday’s your child will be wearing clothes suitable for PE to school for the whole day. We would be grateful if you could remind your child that no jewellery is allowed for PE, and only a watch and a pair of ear studs are allowed for the normal school day; this is for health and safety reasons.

Our topic this term is World War One and any extra reading or research on this topic at home would be beneficial. In RE, children will looking at how life can be compared to a journey and in what ways faith gives meaning and purpose to the journey of life.

In Year 6, children will usually receive 3 pieces of homework a week: grammar on a Monday; maths on a Wednesday and reading comprehension on a Friday. In addition, they will have a reading book and ideally should read each evening. I would like to stress the importance of regular reading and signing your child’s reading record each time they read. They should bring their reading book and reading record to school with them every day and they will get the opportunity to change their book twice a week. It would be helpful if a member of the family could listen to your child read and test them on their understanding of what they have read.

You should have already received information from Rochdale Borough Council about your child transferring to secondary school. We would ask that, if possible, you take the opportunity to visit the high schools with your child, especially if this is your first experience of a child preparing for high school. If needed, support is available from All Saints’ to help you complete the application process. **The closing date for applications is 2nd November 2020. Please visit <http://rochdale.gov.uk/schooladmissions> for further information.**

Finally, if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Kind Regards

**Mr Korab, Mrs Coward, Mrs Zabar and Mrs Wheeldon.**