

# 6M Classroom Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to West Hill! Your children are now in Year 6 Mulberry! I hope that you had a really enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the school year ahead.

## Meet the class teacher

I will be holding a meeting in the Year Six classroom to meet all the Year Six parents and to discuss the forthcoming year in school. This will be in the next two weeks - on Monday 26th September from 3:30-4:00pm.

## SATS

The Statutory Assessment Tests will be next year May 2017, and the children will prepare for them by working hard and revising. The tests focus on Maths, Reading and Writing Spelling and Grammar. You will receive more information on the tests themselves and guidance on how to help your child achieve the best results that they can.

## Secondary Transfer

This term you and your child will have to consider which secondary schools to apply for. There will be a meeting here at school at on Thursday 29th September at 3.30pm to explain the process for applying.

## Homework

Children will be given homework twice a week. They will be expected to complete this homework to a high standard and bring it in on the appropriate day.

**Monday (Grammar ) due in Thursday**

**Wednesday (English or Topic ) due in Tuesday.**

**Friday (Maths) due in Tuesday.**

In addition to this children will be expected to:

- Read for a minimum of 15 minutes each evening
- Practise their times tables. There will be a test each Thursday so make sure that you are ready!
- Learn spellings for the Thursday test each Thursday.

There will be occasions when extra work or revision is given out. It is crucial that you check that your child keeps up- please support them at home.

## Homework Projects

Each term there will be a 'Home Learning Project' to complete with some of the tasks linked to the current topic. There will be 10 cross curricular activities and children will have the challenge of completing the 10 activities by the end of the term. Find out more about the homework project at our 'Meet the teacher' afternoon.

## P.E. Kit

**Year 6 need to bring PE kit to school on Mondays and take home on Fridays each week .**

- PE happens on different days during the week.
- Please use a fabric bag or PE bag - not a plastic carrier bag.
- PE kit is available from the school office and consists of a white T-shirt and blue shorts, or children may wear dark blue tracksuit bottoms and a white T-shirt please ensure the children do not have logos on their kit.
- Any other PE kit is not permitted.
- Children will also need suitable footwear to change into- they may not wear their school shoes.



## Uniform

The school uniform consists of a light blue polo shirt, a West Hill sweatshirt, black or grey trousers or skirt and dark shoes. Girls can wear checked blue dresses in the summer.



## Topics this term:

**English:** We will be looking at a range of stories and planning, editing and publishing our work as well as diary writing and explanation text. Later on in the term we will be learning how to write a variety of poems.

**Maths:** We will be focussing on the four main functions (+ - x /) and place value for the first term. It is important that your child knows all their times tables off by heart. They also need to know the effects of multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

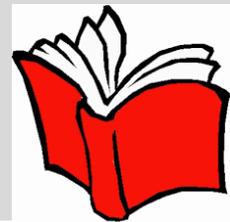
**Science:** We will be looking at electricity and light.

**History:** We will be learning about World War II this term. I will inform you about upcoming trips linked to our topic when they come up.

**Art and Design:** Linked to our history syllabus, we will be making art that represents different aspects of World War II.

## Reading

- Listen to your child read every night.
- Ask questions about what they have read.
- Give your child comprehensions to complete to help check their level of understanding.
- Explore what different words mean by using a dictionary.



## How you can help your child



You can help your child to do the best they can by listening to them read and asking them questions about what they have read. Encourage them to learn their times tables. Encourage them to do their homework carefully and on time. Discuss the topics that we will be learning about. Take them to the library or use the internet with them to research topics we are learning about. If possible, take them out into London at the weekends - many museums and art galleries are free to enter. This will help them with ideas for writing and class discussions.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Finally, please ensure that your child is present and on time each morning (registration is at 08:50) as this will help them to do the best that they possibly can this year. Your child's attendance report will be sent to their secondary school this year, and children arriving after registration with no explanation from parents are marked with an unauthorised absence.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you at the 'Meet the Teacher Afternoon' and working with your children this year.

Mrs Caraccio