

To parents/carers of children in Kestrel class,

First of all, we would just like to say a big welcome to Year 6 and we feel it is such a shame that we cannot meet in person just yet. Instead, I wanted to share some of the key information that I hope you will find helpful.

As you know, swimming lessons are not currently taking place in school. We hope that we will be able to start running these later on in the year and will keep you informed as and when we know more.

The children will be expected to complete weekly homework. This will include:

- Maths homework, which will link with the unit being taught that week and will either be set via MyMaths or will be worksheet based. Children will also be encouraged to keep using Times Tables Rockstars to develop their recall skills. Their levels will be reviewed and celebrated regularly.
- A termly spelling grid will also be given to all children and they will be expected to use a variety of spelling strategies of their choice in order to practice their words for the following week's spelling test. We will expect them to produce a page of written work in their homework book to show how they have been practising their spellings. This may consist of a short story, a poem, writing the words in different colours etc. We also expect your child to read for at least 15 minutes every day.

Homework will be set each Thursday and needs to be handed in the following Tuesday, ready for their spelling test. The children will receive up to three house points for their homework, helping you gauge how they are getting on: 1HP if it is received on time (minimum expectation); 2HP for a good piece of work and 3HP for something exceptional.

This week, I have sent home the spelling grids, stuck into their homework books, and letters containing their MyMaths and TT Rockstars login details and passwords.

We ask that children bring their PE kit to school each week and take it home each Friday to be washed. Your child has PE on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Reading books are provided in the classroom and children are able to take these home – there is a box in the classroom to return them safely. If they wish, they can also bring in a reading book from home. They will continue to complete reading quizzes when they have finished reading a book.

I am excited to be teaching your children this year and cannot wait to get stuck into the new term!

Kind regards,

Mr Stevens.

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