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Year 5 & 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 – 2017

Welcome back to all pupils and their families from all the Year 5 & 6 staff. We look forward to a busy and productive year.

It is a very important year for Year 6 as they will sit their SATs tests in English and Maths in May 2018. The year 5 & 6 teachers are committed to supporting all the pupils through this busy academic year and aim for each child to be the best they can be.

Year 5

Literacy

This term, in Literacy Year 5 will be looking at myths and writing their own myth based on Prometheus and Pandora. Later, in the term the children will be writing instructions.

Maths

This term, the children will focus on number, looking at place values, ordering numbers, using decimals and the four operations. All children are expected to know their times tables and will be tested at school, please encourage your child to learn them.

Year 6

Literacy

This term, in Literacy Year 6 will be focussing on two texts: 'Robin Hood' and 'How to Train a Dragon'. They will be reading and comparing texts from both stories. By the end of the term they will have rewritten the Robin Hood story from a different perspective as well as a diary entry. The children will also be visiting the Theatre as part of the 'Every Child a Theatre Goer' programme. A separate letter will be sent out.

Maths

All children are expected to know their times tables which has a positive effect on their maths learning in lessons. Year 6 will be focussing on number, key facts and operations and times tables. These skills will help the children when problem solving. Asking your child to make mental calculations while at home or out will help further develop these skills e.g. finding total and calculating change when shopping, using television guides to calculate the length of television programmes and measuring and weighing ingredients when cooking.

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Reading



Children at Vicarage are expected to READ every day for at least 15 minutes. They are expected to read on their own and an adult. When reading with your child, please ask them questions about the text – there are many suggestions given in the homework diary.

Homework



Year 5 & 6 pupils will be given weekly homework for Literacy and Maths on Thursday. Please support your child as much as possible and ensure work is completed and returned the following week, by Tuesday.

Diary



Each child has a School Diary which contains a wide range of resources to support your child with their learning at home. This diary is also used to record your child's daily reading. If you have any messages for your child's teacher, the diary is a good place to create home-school communication.

Mobile Phones



Only Year 6 children are allowed mobile phones which must be handed into to their class teacher at the start of the day. They will be returned before home time. Children must only bring a mobile phone to school if it necessary.

Parents must send in written confirmation to say that their child will be bringing a mobile phone to school.

ECAM – Every Child a Musician



This year the Year 5 & 6 music lessons will take place after school. A separate letter will be sent out.

World of Work Week – 25th – 29th September 2017

During this week, the children will be learning about various professions and work based skills. Year 5 will be looking at the role of an architect and will be visiting the Museum of Docklands (letter will be sent out).

The Year 6 children will be designing and creating products and will have the opportunity to present their ideas to professionals in 'The Dragons Den'.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 9am – Year 6 parents meeting in the Sports Hall

Thursday 14th September 2017 at 9am – Year 5 parents meeting in the Sports Hall

If you would like any further advice or ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Kind Regards,

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Year 5 & 6 Team