

P6 Newsletter – Term 1

Welcome to Primary 6. By now your child has settled into their new class and our programme of study is well under way. So far, I am very pleased with the way the class have responded.

Over the year your child should become more independent and be well prepared to learn each day. This means having the right equipment, making sure forms are signed and brought back to school and keeping on top of any homework tasks.

HOMEWORK

Why do homework?

Because it helps your child to...

- Learn how to organise and manage their time
- Take more responsibility for their own learning
- Practise and build on what they have learned at school
- Develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems
- Learn and work independently in the future.

Homework tasks are usually issued on a **Monday** and are due in by the **Friday** of that same week. Homework tasks will be explained in class and can also be found on our Google Classroom.

Tasks will consist of a variety of spelling, maths and reading activities. Reading books may also be sent home. These books are also read in class during group, peer and independent reading times.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Gym days

We are currently enjoying 2 hours of PE a week. We are outdoors on a **Tuesday** afternoon and indoors on a **Thursday** morning. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them on these days.

Wellbeing

The children and I have now begun a new, whole school social and emotional learning programme called PATHS. The **Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies** curriculum aims to help children understand their emotions and work well with others which will enable them to make positive choices throughout life.

As part of this, every day a new pupil of the day has a compliments list drawn up by the rest of the class and myself. These are displayed on the wall and eventually taken home. The looks on the children's faces when they are being complimented and realise that others have noticed and appreciated their acts of kindness and care is quite something.

FINALLY...

If you or your child have any questions, concerns or worries about school, please get in touch and I will be happy to have a chat to help resolve any issues.

Mrs Pamela Blockley