



Diocese of Portsmouth

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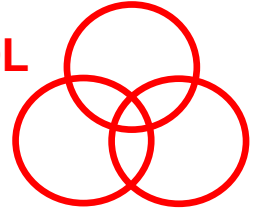
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our main topic in the Spring Term is the **Ancient Mayan Civilisation**. As part of our topic work we will be preparing Mayan food and cooking with chocolate! We will also be reading some Mayan folktales, making Mayan jewellery and masks and studying their religious beliefs.

There will also be a very strong focus on revising English, Maths and Science skills to ensure that we are all making good progress towards our targets in the core subjects and that we are beginning to prepare for the SAT tests which will take place in May, whilst being creative and relevant towards our topic and current affairs. In the first few weeks of our English work, we will be looking at myths and legends. During the next few weeks we will also be looking at "Evolution & Inheritance" as a topic focus in Science and "Problem Solving, Reasoning & Investigating" in Mathematics.

Further details of our topic based curriculum can be found on the [Class Topic Plans web page](#).

As you will no doubt be aware, the children are required to sit the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in May. Preparing for these tests is a major focus in Year 6 throughout the year. Children will be practising SAT papers so please **do not** be tempted to download them and practice them at home as it will give me a false impression of their progress and ability.

Children may revise English and Maths on the BBC website and by using the Woodlands Junior School website. The school also encourages parents to purchase the new Collins KS2 revision books or the KS2 CGP new curriculum study books to help prepare their children for SATs – these can be purchased from WH Smiths or from the Amazon website. Also, I have been impressed with the Times Tables Rock Stars performances in Year 6 and would encourage the children to keep practising their tables regularly. This will help them enormously with their Maths work in Upper Key Stage 2 and beyond.

In general, homework will continue to be given out on a **Friday** and it will be expected in on **Wednesday** morning. Work handed in late **will not be marked**. There is also a continued expectation that your child will read at home **every day** whether this is a book, newspaper, magazine or any other source of writing for *at least 30 minutes* and that s/he will continue to practise their times tables weekly.

Please check your child's PE kit. Pupils are expected to have PE kit for indoor and outdoor use, which includes footwear that is suitable for each environment and now it is colder children need track suit bottoms as well as shorts. Although we are scheduled to have PE on **Wednesdays**, it is recommended that Year 6 pupils keep their PE kit in school all week so that they can take part in any extra physical activities that may take place at short notice. The





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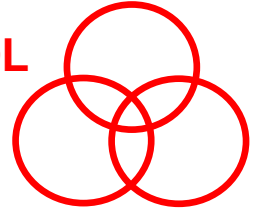
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school would also like to remind parents that pupils should not wear ear rings at school, and if children do have pierced ears then they should remove their ear rings during school hours. For after-school activities it is recommended that children **do not** wear their PE kit, but bring in an alternative kit to ensure that their school PE kit remains clean for lessons. Our Daily Mile track is now ready for use so please make sure your child has their trainers in school each day. Some children's plimsolls and kit are worn out and need replacing, so please do check your child's kit if you have not done so recently.

If you have any particular issues about your child that you would like to discuss I am always available for parents every day after school (except Mondays and Wednesdays) – just pop in for a chat. Alternatively, please drop the School Office an email and arrange to see me at a more convenient time for you and they will forward your request on to me. Otherwise we will be having another Parents' Evening after half term.

Mrs Hague, Year 6 Teacher





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