



## Diocese of Portsmouth

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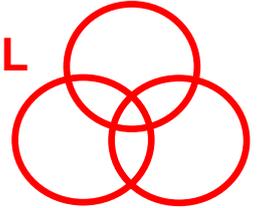
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Headteacher: Mrs M Delany-White



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everybody!

I am looking forward to getting to know each member of the class and seeing them progress as the year goes on. I am keen to work in partnership with you, so please do keep in touch and let me know how I can best support your child. You can contact me on [class6@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:class6@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk).

Our main topic in the Autumn Term is World War Two. As part of our topic we will be having an evacuation day to experience what life would have been like as an evacuee. We will also be watching the film, "Goodnight Mr Tom" set in WW2 and reading some wartime poetry. Children will be encouraged to interview members of their family to carry out further research.

There will be a strong focus on English, Maths, RE 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.

During the next few weeks we will also be looking at "Light & Electricity" as a topic focus in Science, "Place Value" in Whole Numbers and Arithmetic in Mathematics and "Creation" in RE. 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 practicing SAT papers throughout the year so please do not download them and practice them at home as it will give me a false impression of their progress and ability.

We try to ensure the SATs induce as little stress as possible amongst pupils, encouraging them to take a positive approach and "have a go" so that they can try to do their best during the tests. In fact, the children will get plenty of experience and practice so that there will be no worries or surprises on the day!





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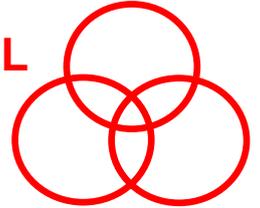
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Children may revise English and Maths on the BBC website and on the Woodlands Junior School website. There are other revision books you may purchase from WH Smiths. Please avoid using the CGP ones we use in school.

In Year 6 there is an increase in the amount of homework that children are expected to do to help them prepare for Secondary School. In general, homework will be given out on a **Friday** and it will be expected to be returned on the following **Wednesday** morning. *Work handed in late will not be marked.* All homework will be given out online. Every day children will be expected to read for at least 30 minutes and record their reading on the reading review sheet at the end of the week from the 2Do List in Purplemash. They should aim to try and read a new book each week (as a guide). Reading comprehension and spelling tasks will also be set in Purplemash. Maths work will be set on the MyMaths website. Other tasks will also be set and they will be found on the 2DO List in Purplemash. Children should also practise their times table skills on TTRS for at least 20mins twice a week. Children may request hard copies of homework if they do not have access to a computer.

As if SATs and the PGL residential trip in March were not enough, we also have the issue of this being your child's last year at primary school. The first few months are an extremely hectic time in this transition process; there are many open days to attend at local secondary schools, who will be trying to convince you of their credentials. Please let the School Office know if your child will be absent from school to attend one of these sessions. You will also be getting more literature and information about secondary school choices in due course. Normally applications have to be in by the end of November. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the School Office, who will be happy to help you.

It is expected that the uniform standards in Year 6 remain high until pupils leave. This is especially true of PE kit. Pupils are expected to have PE kit for indoor and outdoor use, which includes footwear that is suitable for each environment. Although we are scheduled to have a double PE session on **Wednesdays**, it is recommended that all 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 school would also like to remind parents that





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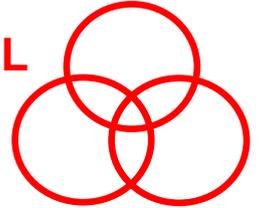
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pupils should not wear ear rings at school, and if children do have pierced ears then they should remove their ear rings during school hours. If children come to school wearing ear rings they will be asked to remove them.

For after-school activities, which will hopefully start up later on in the term, 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. In Year 6 this becomes really essential with increased exertion and perspiration.

**Mrs Hague, Year 6 Teacher**

