



Diocese of Portsmouth

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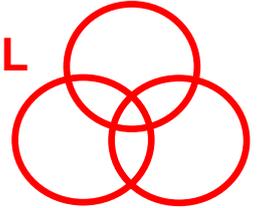
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year and welcome back everybody!

My name is Mrs Dahle and I am taking over the role of Year 6 teacher from Mrs Hague. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children 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.

Our main topic in the Spring Term is The Ancient Mayans. As part of our topic we will be learning about Mayan hieroglyphs and codices, and discovering all about chocolate (including making some delicious hot chocolate, just as the Maya would have done).

There will be a very 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 Evolution and Inheritance as a topic focus in Science; decimals and percentages in Mathematics, and Christmas 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.

The school will also 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!

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 WHSmiths. 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 mins 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





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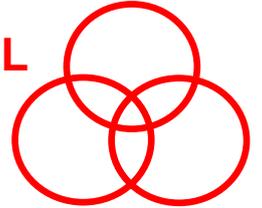
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(as a guide). Reading comprehension and spelling tasks will also be set in Purplemash. Maths work will be set on the MyMaths website. Other tasks will also be set and they will be found on the 2DO List in Purplemash. Children should also practise their 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.

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. Our scheduled PE session is on **Friday afternoons** and it is recommended that all Year 6 pupils come in to school in their PE kits on those days. PE sessions will continue to be outdoors unless the weather dictates otherwise, so it would be sensible for children to wear plenty of layers and jogging bottoms if possible. The school would also like to remind parents that pupils should not wear earrings at school, and if children do have pierced ears then they should remove their earrings during school hours. If children come to school wearing earrings they will be asked to remove them.

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