



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Learning together, aiming high

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing summer break and, whatever the circumstances for your child last term, have enjoyed the transition back to relative normality during this first week of term. I have been so impressed with how focused and motivated the new Class 6 pupils have been this week. Mrs Kelly will be taking the class on a Tuesday afternoon and we are extremely lucky to have Mrs Gwynn and Mrs Colebeck as part our team in Class 6.

As our class will be operating as a 'bubble' this term, there are a few differences which the children have been getting used to. As well as **extra care being taken with hygiene**, we have been getting used to having certain **zones** to play in at break and lunch. Whole school worship has been replaced by YouTube/Zoom and teacher led-worship.

Other than the above, it is very much 'business as usual', and it has been simply wonderful having thirty-one smiling faces to teach this week! This term's project is '**Planet Protectors**', which is a geography unit, focusing on the study of the energy and sustainability for our future. For our **brilliant beginning** we will be having some guest speakers in to discuss what we can do to help our planet.

In **English**, we will be continuing the 'Talk4Writing' approach but this has been adapted slightly as Class 6 are conducting a book study. There are plenty of opportunities for the children to discuss, share and create their own pieces of writing as well use their brilliant theatrical skills. This week, we have started reading *Wonder* and are beginning to get to know the characters a little better. Later this half-term, we will be learning how to write information pages based on our topic as well as writing to the supermarkets about plastic waste.

Daily whole-class guided reading sessions will take place as we study the story 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio which is a personal favourite of mine. A whole-class spelling session is also taught on a Monday, with pupils taking responsibility for learning spellings in their journals. There will be a list of words for pupils to learn each week, which is tested via a dictation on Monday morning.

In **Maths**, we have started the *Maths No Problem* scheme and this half-term we will be working with numbers up to 10 000 000, as well as honing our skills in addition and subtraction.



In **Science**, we are focusing on physics and learning about the light, including how we see colour and shadows. Here is some of the vocabulary that we will be using: *beam, reflection, refraction, transparent, colour spectrum, visible, filter, reflect, absorb, shadow and opaque.*

In **PE** the pupils are being taught by Mrs Kelly, who will be doing outdoor games on **Tuesday** (Football). There will also be a shorter PE lesson on a **Monday**. Pupils should **wear their PE kits to school** on these days.

In **Art / D & T** we will be designing, making and decorating reusable fabric bags.

In **RE** we will be learning about incarnation and asking the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

In **Music** we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose the song *Happy* by Pharrell Williams as part of the Charanga scheme.

In **Computing/ICT**, we will be focusing on online safety as well as exploring more features of the Google Classroom learning platform.

In **MFL**, we will be learning French with a weekly visit by a language specialist from Twynham School.

In **PSHE**, we will be using the Jigsaw scheme to think about 'Me in my world', as well as learning how to 'Get Heartsmart'.

Core Skills time

We will be using the 9.00 – 9.30 slot from Monday - Wednesday to practise our core skills. On a Monday this will be a spelling workshop, during which the new spelling rule for the week is introduced. On a Tuesday this will be maths skills and, on a Wednesday, there will be a punctuation and grammar focus.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on **Google Classroom** this year and the children have been exposed to this this week. Children are more than welcome to take their home learning books home if they feel it would be helpful for jottings. Pupils will be set **English** home learning tasks each **Monday**, to be completed by Thursday. These will alternate between reading comprehension and SPAG. **Maths** home learning will be set on **Thursday**, to be completed by the following Monday.

Pupils in Class 6 are expected to **read at home on a daily basis**. They should be keeping a record of their books in the Reading Records which they have been given. Please keep an eye on the Class 6 Blog on the school website, which is regularly updated with information, photographs and the Learner of the Week.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to a successful term in Class 6.

Kind regards,

Miss Field
Class 6 Teacher

