



CURRICULUM NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for a busy year. We thought it would be useful to give you some information about the organisation of your child's class, as well as curriculum content.



For English and Maths the two 6/5 classes are set by ability.

There are three sets which means that the range of ability is much narrower, so all children benefit regardless of their capability. The sets are also varied in size so that the third set has a greater pupil/teacher ratio. This term Mrs McClure will also be working with these sets.

Set teachers are as follows:-

	Maths	English
Set 1	Mr Santy	Miss Stannard
Set 2	Miss Stannard	Ms Barrow/Mrs McClure
Set 3	Ms Barrow/ Mrs McClure	Mr Santy

Our first topic will be "The First World War" to mark the centenary of the outbreak of war. Later in the term we will be studying mountains.

Curriculum Content

Maths.	Place value (Th, H, T, U) , Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Money, Shape, Measures, Data Handling
English	Descriptions, stories, poems, letters, journalistic writing, instructions
Science	Materials Properties Living things and their habitats
History	The First World War
Geography	Mountains
Computing	Prezi presentation Coding
Art	Work in the style of World War 1 Artists

Headteacher: Mrs S.H. Bradford

Deputy Headteacher: Miss D.K. Stannard

D.T.	Structures
R.E.	Expression & Belief
Music	First World War Songs and composition
P.E.	Thurs. - Year 5 -Swimming Thurs. - Year 6 - Dance and Gym Fri. - Games - Football, Netball, Rugby
French	Simple greetings, responses, numbers, animals

T-shirts, shorts and plimsolls are needed for indoor PE. Trainers are required for outdoor games and during the winter months sweat shirts and tracksuit bottoms are really useful. It may be a good idea to provide your child with carrier bags to put muddy shoes and clothes in. Please ensure named P.E. kit is brought in at the start of the week so that it is available if a timetable change occurs.

All our children have their own locker to keep their possessions in. There is space for a reasonable sized bag and PE bag.

Homework

We know that homework is a contentious subject; some parents do not want it, others want more! We follow the Government recommendations that Year 5 and 6 children have 30 minutes per night. The timetable is as follows:-

Monday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Tuesday	Maths - to be handed in on Thursday
Wednesday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Thursday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Friday	English or topic work - to be handed in on Tuesday <i>NOTE: In some cases children will be set a homework assignment to be completed over a period of weeks, e.g. this half term Yr. 6 will produce their Little Canada Diary, while those who didn't go will do a mini research project. In all cases children are given an information sheet outlining expectations and a deadline date.</i>

To help children prepare for home work deadlines at High School and to enable us to mark work, we ask that you encourage your child to complete assignments and bring them to school on time. If work is not done children will be expected to complete it at lunchtime.

Reading

It would be appreciated if you could encourage your child to read at home. They all have Reading Record Books to indicate the reading they have done each day. If you could spare the time to listen to them and discuss the content the benefits would be enormous. This includes confident, fluent readers.



Children read in school in lots of different ways - they may read individually to a teacher, teaching assistant or adult helper, or take part in guided reading session or be asked to read something to the rest of the class; it all helps to develop their reading skills.

Some children still need some **extra** help and if anyone can spare an afternoon to come into school to listen to readers it would be appreciated. If you can't help but know someone who can (friend, grandparent, neighbour) please put them in contact with us. It does not have to be for a whole afternoon it could be just for the last 20 minutes of the day (or during registration in the morning - 10 minutes per day, several times a week can make a big difference).

Spellings

Spellings are normally given on a Friday and tested the following Friday. A reminder of the method of learning is in the front of all spelling books.



SATs

Year 6 children take their SATs during the week beginning 11th May 2015. It is important that your child is in school every day during that and the preceding weeks. Tests cannot be taken at other times.

Dinner Money and Reply Slips

If you have been in the office at 8.45am you will notice how busy and congested it can be. To help the office staff and us, we ask that your child takes dinner money, consent forms for trips, Sports Kit etc. **into class** rather than you taking it to the office.

Little Canada

There will be a meeting for parents of children in **year 5** to discuss next year's trip on Thursday, SEPTEMBER 18th at 6.30pm. Children may come.

Following this at 7.15pm we will show **Year 6** children and their parents the video of this year's trip.

We hope this has helped put you in the picture about the term ahead. You will get an opportunity to meet us in at Parents' Open Evening on Monday October 13th, but in the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. We know that some children are not always reliable postmen! So that we know you have received this letter we would be grateful if you could return the slip below as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Dawn Stannard, Joe Santy, Niki Barrow and Vicky McClure