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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, both the Otters and Owls 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.

Set teachers are as follows:-



	Maths	English
Set 1	Mr Santy	Mr Gillen
Set 2	Miss Leftley & Mrs Collis	Miss Leftley
Set 3	Mr Gillen	Mr Santy & Mrs Collis

Our first topic will be World War 2 and this will be taught throughout Key Stage 2 during the Autumn term. An evacuee trip to Sheringham has been arranged for mid-October. More information to follow!

Curriculum content:

Maths	Place value (Th, H, T, U) , Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Money, Shape, Measures, Data Handling
English	Descriptions, newspaper reports, poems, letters, diaries, instructions, persuasive writing, stories
Science	Electricity
History	The events that led to World War 2. A study of life in Britain from 1939 to 1945. How World War 2 ended.
Geography	Map work. Africa
Computing	Creating and editing news reports using iMovie. Internet Safety.

Headteacher: Mrs S.H. Bradford

Deputy Headteacher: Miss D.K. Stannard

Art & DT	Collage, painting and Anderson Shelters
RE	Judaism and the 10 Commandments
Music	Popular songs during WW2 exploring rhythm, pitch, dynamics, structure & form
PE	Fri. - Games - Football, Netball, Rugby Thurs. - Year 5 - Swimming Thurs. - Year 6 - Young Sports Leaders
French	Simple greetings, responses, numbers, animals

PE information:

A white T-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls are needed for indoor P.E. Trainers are required for outdoor games and, during the winter months, sweatshirts 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. If any child forgets their P.E. kit dojo marks will be deducted from their total.

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

Year 5s will swim every Thursday, beginning on **Thursday 14th September**. They will need a bag containing a swimming costume, towel, swimming hat (as specified by Diss Swimming Pool) and goggles if they wish to use them. All earrings must be removed.



Homework

We know that homework is a contentious subject; some parents do not want it, others want more! We aim to 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 homework (to be handed in on Thursday)		
Wednesday	Reading (15mins)	Spellings (10mins)	Tables (5mins)
Thursday	Reading (15mins)	Spellings (10mins)	Tables (5mins)
Friday	English homework (to be handed in on Tuesday)		

NOTE: Sometimes 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 don't

go will carry a separate extended project. In all cases children are given an information sheet outlining expectations and a deadline date.

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 and/or have dojo marks deducted.



Reading

It would be appreciated if you could encourage your child to read at home. All children have a Reading Record Book to indicate the reading they have done each day. If you could spare the time to listen to them and discuss the content of what they have read, 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, they may take part in a guided reading session or be asked to read something to the rest of the class, sometimes they will be given a book in their English set and asked to read it at home or in class; whatever they do, it all helps to develop their reading skills.

Some children still need some extra help and if anyone can spare some time to come into school to listen to readers it would be much 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 - 10 minutes per day, several times a week can make a HUGE difference.

Spellings:

Spellings will normally be given on a Monday and tested on 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 **14th May 2018**. A huge amount of preparatory work goes on in the weeks preceding this so please make sure your child is in school every day. PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME BETWEEN JANUARY AND MAY. It is also important that your child is in school during SATs week as the tests cannot be taken at other times.

We will also be holding our annual SATs meeting for Year 6 parents slightly earlier this year, on **Tuesday 10th October at 6:00pm**.

Dinner Money and Reply Slips:

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

Before and After School Communication:

Please remember our policy of children lining up outside before school starts so we can come to meet them. If you need to see us please come after school or, if it is urgent, contact the school office via email or telephone.

Website

Check our class blogs on the school website - www.roydonprimary.co.uk. We welcome any comments about the activities and work you see; the children respond well to any positive feedback. The blogs will be updated regularly throughout the year.



Craft Afternoon

We invite you into school on the afternoon of **Wednesday 27th September (from 1:30pm onwards)**. We will be making our Christmas cards and if you would like to lend a hand (with the glitter and glue!) then please do come in.

Little Canada

The video of our trip to Little Canada will be shown on **Thursday, September 21st, starting at 6:00pm**. All welcome!

We hope this has helped put you in the picture about the term ahead. You will get an opportunity to meet us at Parents' Open Evening on **Wednesday 1st November, 3:30-5:00pm**, but in the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Joe Santy, Gordon Gillen, Jo Leftley and Lynn Collis