

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 year Mrs Collis will also be working with these sets.

Set teachers are as follows:-

	Maths	English
Set 1	Mr Santy	Miss Stannard
Set 2	Miss Stannard	Miss Leftley
Set 3	Miss Leftley/Mrs Collis	Mr Santy/Mrs Collis

Our first topic will be the Victorians. This will include studying what life was like in schools during this era. A trip to the Victorian Schoolroom in Great Cressingham has been arranged for Tuesday, October 4th (Owls) and Wednesday October 5th (Otters). 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, stories, poems, letters, reports, journalistic writing, diaries
Science	Light
History	Life in Victorian Britain including life in the workhouse, schools, children's lives, inventions, Queen Victoria

Headteacher: Mrs S.H. Bradford

Deputy Headteacher: Miss D.K. Stannard

Geography	"Welcome to my World" week
Computing	Record and editing sound to make radio adverts Internet safety
Art and DT	Portraits, work in the style of William Morris, samplers
R.E.	Expression & Belief
Music	Exploring Victorian street cries and music hall
P.E.	Wed. - Games - Football, Netball, Rugby Thurs. - Year 5 -Swimming Thurs. - Year 6 - Dance and Gym
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, 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.

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

Year 5s will swim every Thursday. They will need a swimming costume, towel, bag and goggles (if they wish to use them). Long hair should be tied back or tucked under a swimming hat.

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:-

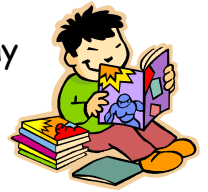


Monday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Tuesday	Maths - to be handed in or completed online by Thursday
Wednesday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Thursday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Friday	English or topic work - to be handed in on Tuesday
<p><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 an extended book review project. In all cases children are given an information sheet outlining expectations and a deadline date.</i></p>	

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. Many children took part in the Reading Challenges last year which helped to create good reading habits. We hope that children will continue to read daily this year. All children 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. 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 the following Monday. 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 8th May 2017. 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 know 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.

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, telephone or in person.

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.

Little Canada

The video of our trip to Little Canada will be shown this Thursday, September 15th, starting at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Open Morning

You are warmly invited to come into school on the morning of Tuesday 27th, September from 9.00 - 10.00 to see the children working in maths. Feel free to pop into any of the 6/5 sets, whether it's for a few minutes or the whole session

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 Wednesday, 2nd October, but in the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Dawn Stannard, Joe Santy, Jo Leftley and Lynn Collis