



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 Otters and Owls are set by ability. There are three sets that 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/Mrs Bradford	Mrs Davies/Mrs Bennett
Set 2	Miss Leftley/Mrs Collis	Miss Leftley
Set 3	Mrs Davies/Mrs Bennett	Mr Santy/Mrs Collis

Our first topic will be the Victorians, including 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 2nd (Owls) and Wednesday October 3rd (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	Properties of materials
History	Life in Victorian Britain including life in the workhouse, schools, children's lives, inventions, Queen Victoria
Geography	Map work

Headteacher: Mrs S.H. Bradford

Deputy Headteacher: Miss D.K. Stannard

Computing	Record and editing sound to make radio adverts Internet safety
Art	Portraits, work in the style of William Morris
RE	Expression & Belief
Music	Exploring Victorian street cries and music hall
PE	Wed. - Games - Football, Netball, Rugby Thurs. - Year 5 -Swimming Thurs. - Year 6 - Dance and Gym
French	Simple greetings, responses, numbers, animals

P.E. kit

T- shirts, shorts and indoor trainers are needed for indoor PE. Separate outdoor 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.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Monday, to be tested on the Friday.

Homework

This year we will be piloting voluntary written homework. This will involve giving children the option of taking maths homework on a Tuesday (to be handed in on a Friday) and English homework on a Friday (to be handed in on a Tuesday).

If a child chooses to complete homework, then it will be marked and feedback given. They will be rewarded with dojos rather than us implementing sanctions (e.g. losing dojos) if homework is not completed. We understand homework is a contentious subject and we are hoping this gives you more flexibility as a family.

NOTE: On some occasions the children will be set a compulsory homework assignment to be completed over a period of weeks, e.g. this half term Year 6 will produce their Little Canada Diary, while those who didn't go will do a separate project (on endangered animals). In all cases children are given an information sheet outlining expectations and a deadline date. Your support in helping children to complete these will be very much appreciated and will enhance your child's learning.

Reading

It would be appreciated if you could encourage your child to read at home as we hope that children will continue to read daily this year. All children have a Reading Record Book to

indicate the reading they have done each day. Even though your child is in Year 5 or 6, listening to your child read and discussing the content is incredibly beneficial to your child's comprehension skills, including those who are fluent readers.

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.

SATs

Year 6 children take their SATs during the week beginning 13th May 2019. It is important that your child is in school every day during that week and the preceding weeks so that they do not miss out on vital preparation time. Children who are well-prepared find the experience far less stressful.

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 waiting 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

Our class blogs on the school website - www.roydonprimary.co.uk will be set up soon. Please look on there (as well as on the school's Facebook page) for photos of the things we are doing in class. The blogs will be updated regularly throughout the year.

Open Afternoon

We invite you to come into class on Thursday 27th September, from 1:30pm. to help whilst we create our Cauliflower Christmas Cards.

Parents' Open Evening

A date for your diary, Wednesday 7th November (not 31st October, as stated on the diary dates) will be our open evening when you will get an opportunity to meet us and have an informal chat. More information to follow.

We hope this has helped put you in the picture about the term ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

Kind regards,

Mr J. Santy, Mrs C. Davies, Mrs A. Bennett, Miss J. Leftley