

Summer 2021 Year 5/6 Newsletter

Miss Derricott's class

Dear Parents & Children

Thank you everyone for a fantastic first week back. I can't believe how fast the year has gone so far! Here are just a few updates and some information on things we will be doing this term.

As you will be aware, the Y6 SATS, which were due to take place in May this year, have been cancelled. However, we will still be sitting internal assessments later in the term to assess where children are in their learning following lockdown.

Y6 SATs papers - Wk begin 21st June

Y5 NFER - Wk begin 28th June

Our Topic - 'The Merseybeat'

This term our topic, 'The Merseybeat' will focus on the cities of Liverpool and Stoke-on-Trent. We will compare and contrast the cities, and look at their human and physical geographical features, we will also be doing lots of map work - see the accompanying topic web for details.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, it is unlikely we will be able to go on our usual trip to Liverpool this term. Also, we know now that the Y6 residential to Standon Bowers will not take place - we are in negotiations with the outdoor education team to see if we can at least get Y6 out to the centre for a day visit before they leave for high school.

Throughout the term your child is welcome to bring in books or other resources relating to this topic to show to the class.

Homework

Children will continue to complete the weekly spelling activities leading up to a spelling test; booklets will be sent home on a Monday and children will complete the short tasks nightly and then be tested on the words on a Friday. Children will also have a mental maths test on a Friday - usually multiplication tables or division facts.

Homework will be set on a Friday (and usually due in on Tuesday) - this will be Maths or English based. Children will write homework tasks in their homework diaries, noting the date when the homework is due in. Diaries will also be checked regularly to ensure reading comments are being made - please could homework diaries be signed by an adult weekly, some children in the first term were forgetting this needed to be done.

Learning logs will resume now that we have returned to some normality. The first learning log is being sent home this weekend, please have a look through with your child, and see which of the activities they might like to do. There are lots of opportunities on this learning log for some work in the creative areas of learning, which I hope they will enjoy!

P.E.

Outdoor P.E - MONDAY - with Premier Sport

Indoor P.E - THURSDAY

Appropriate kit needs to be worn on PE days. If your child forgets to wear their PE kit and is unable to take part in the lesson, you will be informed, by text, as a reminder.

In the summer months, children might wish to wear shorts for PE - these must be worn under trousers or skirts, and not on their own all day. School jumpers or cardigans should also be worn on PE days as usual.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us via the office email address, or after school when I dismiss the children. Many thanks.

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