



Cropredy C of E Primary School

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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Autumn term!

We are very excited to be back at school, kicking off with our new topic, Victorian Britain. Much of our learning this term will be linked to this topic and it's a favourite of mine (I love those Victorian novelists – even if they were paid by the word). Please see the learning web for more details about our learning. As you know, I will be teaching Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Reid will be teaching on a Wednesday. We are also lucky enough to have Mrs Robinson, Mrs Shaw AND Mrs Jeffries supporting in class throughout the week.

We have a great adventure ahead of us with our residential trip to Stackpole later this term; we will spend time talking to the children about this in the weeks prior to departure. A letter with more details about the Stackpole trip will be sent home soon, and we'll be having a parent information session later this month. For now though, just a few reminders of what the children will need in a normal school week:

P.E. KIT

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that normal PE kit should be in school all week. Although we **try** to have regular PE timeslots, we rarely have PE indoors in Year 6 and so tend to go with the weather. Last year we had PE on a different day almost every week, so children need to be prepared by having their kit in school ready every day.

At this time of year, kit should include warm joggers and school PE hoodies, as well as outdoor shoes.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are delighted to be introducing forest school sessions into the Year 6 curriculum. This will be happening two consecutive weeks each short term. Mr Pemble will be leading these sessions and the class teacher and teaching assistants who are working that day will also attend. The sessions will involve cross-curricular learning with this term's sessions covering geography, DT and maths. The school office will e-mail and text reminders the week before each double session. Your child/children will need warm old clothes, waterproofs and wellies on Forest School days. See DATES FOR YOUR DIARY for this term's forest school dates.

HOMEWORK & SPELLINGS

Homework & spelling will be given out on a Friday and should be handed in the following Friday. We will mark the homework together on the day it is handed in. Most weeks, this will include a grammar, spelling and punctuation sheet, reading comprehension questions and maths homework relating to the maths your child has been learning that week. Sheets that are loose, will be going into a folder at school once marked so please don't stick them into the homework book. There may also be topic related project homework from time to time. Spellings will be practised at home and in school and there will be a weekly test on a Friday as well as end of term assessment. We will continue to test the children on their times tables every Week. It's fine to support your child at home with their homework; just note where you have done so and what areas they found tricky. It's a good way for you to identify any gaps in their learning and offer further help, should you wish to do so. Home work will be given out for the first time next Friday 13th.

READING DIARIES

The children will have a reading diary for use during guided reading sessions at school (this will stay in school). As part of their weekly homework, children will also have a reading reflection task in their homework book each week, where they will tell me/their peers their thoughts, ideas, premonitions and questions about the class novel **LITTLE LORD FONTLEROY** from a selected chapter each week. They will answer a few questions set by me and write their own questions for the class to answer. The children will have a puppy passport which contains a vast list of question stems to help them formulate questions which they can ask their peers or me. They'll be using the puppy passports in class during guided reading sessions and so will become experts at writing questions based on a variety of texts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th September – Evening Stackpole Meeting – 6pm
24th September – School trip to Holdenby House
25th September – Harvest service in church – at 1.30pm
27th September - yr. 6 lead on Macmillan coffee morning – 8.45 – 10am
14th October – yr. 6 to Stackpole – return Friday 18th
23th October – Pupil Progress Meetings
25th October – Stackpole sharing assembly – 2pm
4th November – Children Singing for Children
13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
16th December – Music Extravaganza
18th December – The Snow Queen Theatre Performance trip – North Walls Arts Centre Oxford
19th December – Church Carol Service – 1.00pm

Autumn Term Forest School Sessions

Friday 4th October

Friday 11th October

Friday 6th December

Friday 13th December

Please see the Head teacher's weekly newsletter for all other information regarding dates of upcoming events.

Do not hesitate to talk to us about anything to do with your child. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind Regards

Mrs Foster and the Y6 Team

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