



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome your child to P7/6. I am looking forward to an enjoyable and exciting year for all of us, as things hopefully get back to some normality. As I have explained to the class, being senior pupils demands the highest standards in work, behaviour and manners and I am sure that the children will rise to the challenge admirably. P7 pupils will be able to apply for the position of Captain, Vice-Captain or Prefect.

### Homework

Each term a grid will be given out with a variety of homework activities, these tasks are optional and can be returned to myself. The main emphasis of homework is reading. Each child should complete a minimum of 20 minutes reading per night. This should be recorded in your child's reading record. Each night the pages read should be recorded in the jotter and the entry signed by a parent at the end of the week. This record will be checked by myself each week. The class has been signed up to Study Ladder and the children have been given their individual logins. There are activities allocated to the children and they will be updated to match our class work.

### Maths

This term in maths we will begin with some revision before moving onto place value. This will include numbers up to a billion for P7 and thousands for P6. We will also be looking at 3D and 2D shapes. We will be making use of Sumdog in class to help the children develop their skills, particularly with mental maths and times tables. This can be accessed at home. I would strongly recommend encouraging your children to use this at home, it can be downloaded onto tablets and phones and the children will be aware of their logins.

### Literacy

In literacy we will be using higher order reading strategies to promote comprehension and enjoyment of fiction texts. Reading for information from our wide range of topic books and internet sources will also be important. For our modelling block we will be reading the novel *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, this novel ties in with our IDL topic on The Rainforest.

In writing we will focus on the genres of Information and taking independent notes. We will also begin work on Persuasive text. Writing will be closely linked to our interdisciplinary topic as well as varied writing activities across the curriculum. Particular focus on the accuracy of spelling, use of dictionaries and presentation of work will be a high priority. Listening and talking will feature in many interdisciplinary activities, but there will also be opportunities to specifically further these essential skills. Any children who are currently using IDL for spelling should continue to access this at home. If there are any issues with this, please let me know.

### French

The children will continue to learn French, we will begin with revision of topics learned such as numbers, days of the week, months and body parts.

### Interdisciplinary Topic

Our main topic this term is The Tropical Rainforest and related World Geography. Please encourage your child to research any relevant information from sources they may have at home. We have also been selected for a new topic with Clyde in the Classroom. This will involve links with the Smithsonian Museum in Washington. Details in this will follow.

### H.W.B

At the moment children should still come to school dressed for P.E. on our gym days. 2 of our 3 sessions will still be outdoors so children should be suitably dressed.

Any jewellery should be removed or covered for P.E. lessons. Our focus this term will be "Speed, Stamina and Strength." This will involve developing our athletic skills and fitness levels. Our gym days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Health and Wellbeing and R.M.E. will be taught by Miss Ramsey on a Wednesday afternoon.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at [gw09grantlorna@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09grantlorna@glow.sch.uk).

Regards

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