

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to have all the children back and to start to get to know them. We hope that your child is getting used to all the changes we have needed to make. From our point of view, the children have settled brilliantly, are working really hard and have already produced some excellent work.

It is strange not to be able to see you all at the start and the end of the day. If there is anything you would like to tell us or talk to us about, please feel free to email us on the home learning email address: homelearning@bickley.bromley.sch.uk and we will email you back.

This term, we will be learning about the following:

History, art and English – Ancient Egypt, then Victorians after half term

Maths – place value, calculations, fractions and geometry

Science – classification and electricity

Computing – coding and photography

Music – djembe drumming

PE – kick-ball and fitness work

French – activities at the weekend

PSHE – anxiety, control, keeping safe and gratitude

RE - Islam

Spelling – we will teach specific rules each week and will check that the children are able to apply those rules to a range of words, rather than testing a specific set of words.

The rules will be as follows:

21/09 – ‘y’ making an ‘ee’ sound, e.g. smoky, responsibility

28/09 – suffixes ‘-er’ and ‘-est’, e.g. sleepest, larger

05/10 – single and double consonants when adding –ing and –ed, e.g. wandered, strapped

12/10 – suffixes –ge, -dge, -le, e.g. begrudge, encourage

19/10 – various suffixes, e.g. investment, government



It would be great if you could support your child’s learning by encouraging them to use [Spelling Frame](#) and [Times Tables Rock Stars](#) at home.

PE days are Monday and Thursday. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please ensure that children have long hair tied up and are not wearing ear-rings.

Reading

We are continually working with the children to develop their love of reading. It is still important in Year 6 that the children read aloud regularly (daily if possible and just a paragraph or two if they are already fluent). This then gives an opportunity for you to check that they are able to read the words correctly, and also to check their understanding of what they have read. It is crucially important for them to read, as it increases vocabulary, helps with spelling and also opens up children’s minds and imaginations in a way that helps them to learn across the curriculum.

Homework

We will send home a separate sheet of homework relating to our Ancient Egypt topic.

Wet play

Due to the current situation, when the children stay in for wet play, they need to stay in their chairs and face forwards in the classroom. We will be allowing them to watch DVDs at this time. We would like to be able to show them PG-rated films as these appeal more to their age. If you are not happy for your child to watch these, please let us know.

We are looking forward to a happy and exciting year in Year 6 and to getting to know you and your children even better as the year progresses.

From Miss Baker and Mrs Dakin