

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families are well and that you had a good summer break. It has been fantastic to have all the children back into school for a few days, and to start teaching them. From our point of view, the children have settled brilliantly, are working really hard and have already produced some excellent work.

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, or come and see us at the end of the day.

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 – ukuleles

French – activities at the weekend

PSHE – anxiety, control, keeping safe and gratitude

RE - Islam

Spelling

We will be making a change to the way spellings are tested. It appears that many children have been learning lists of spelling words that have been sent home, but not necessarily the rule that they belong to. In order to help children learn the rules for spelling (which they should then be able to apply to a wider range of words), we will teach a rule each week in school and will test a selection of words that fit the rule at the end of that week. The focus will be on when and how to apply the rule. Information about each rule and some example words will be available on Google Classroom once it is set up again for this year.

The rules will be as follows:

13/09 – 'y' making an 'ee' sound, e.g. smoky, responsibility

20/09 – suffixes '-er' and '-est', e.g. sleepest, larger

27/09 – single and double consonants when adding -ing and -ed, e.g. wandered, strapped

04/10 – suffixes -ge, -dge, -le, e.g. begrudge, encourage

11/10 – various suffixes, e.g. investment, delightful

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 (swimming) and Friday (Play Leader training). Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on those days. Please ensure that children have long hair tied up and are not wearing ear-rings.



Reading

We expect the children to read every day. We encourage the reading of a variety of texts such as fiction, non-fiction, poetry, magazines, graphic novels, newspapers etc. 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. The children should record what they have read in their orange reading diaries.

Homework

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

Wet play

During wet play, we will be allowing the children to watch movies. 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.**

Water bottles are essential every day.

Year 6 is a very important year and we will expect the children to try their best with their school work as well as be role models to the younger children in terms of attitude, manners and respect.

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.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Baker and Mrs Dakin