



Parkstone Primary School

Autumn Term 2016

Year 5 - Mrs Robinson and Mrs Openshaw

Year 6 - Miss Dormand, Mrs Wigglesworth and Mrs Gladwin



Welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term. This letter outlines some of the topics we will be studying this term as well as other key information.

Our Science themes this term are 'Earth and Space' and 'Light'. In History and Geography, the children will be studying rivers - local and global.

Homework

We ask that children read three times a week at home (at least 10/15 minutes). Please sign your child's reading record to show they have achieved this so they can enjoy a golden playtime on Friday. If your child reads three times a week every week, they will also receive a special 'Reading Champion' certificate in our Friday praise assembly at the end of each half term.

As part of our Big Maths lessons, children take a 'Big Maths Beat That' test each week. These tests are aimed at improving children's speed and recall of basic addition and multiplication facts. Please help your child learn these facts. Please note - each test has the same facts in it - they're just in a different order!

Ten, year group appropriate spellings are given to the children once a week. The children are expected to learn to spell these words and to spend some time clarifying new or unfamiliar words. They will be tested on their spellings weekly.

Each half term, the children will be given a 'home-school challenge' booklet full of puzzles and activities. These will be due in before the last day of the half term. If these are completed, the children will earn a certificate in the final praise assembly.

Water bottles

It's important that children drink plenty of fluids during the day so please do send a water bottle in each day. We will remind your child they should take them home each night to be refilled. Please make sure these are labelled clearly with their name or initials.

Deodorant

The children are getting to the age when they may need to use deodorant, especially as they tend to sweat more when they are running around at break and lunch times. The children can bring roll on deodorant with them (especially for after PE sessions), but please do not allow children to bring aerosols, as this can aggravate asthmatic children as well as the school fire alarms.

School Uniform

School uniform is important at Parkstone. We believe that a school uniform makes our school safer for students and encourages children to focus on their studies. Therefore, the children are expected to follow school policy. The girls should wear a white polo shirt or blouse with a grey pinafore, skirt or trousers. The boys should wear a white polo shirt or collared shirt with grey or black trousers. All children should also have a green jumper or cardigan along with **black shoes**.

PE Kit

PE kits should arrive with your child on **Mondays and be taken home on Fridays for washing**. The PE kit should ideally include a change of t-shirt, some shorts for indoors and jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor games and **either trainers or sandshoes**. Children with pierced ears should remove earrings before PE or bring tape to cover their earrings. This is for health and safety reasons. **It is essential that all clothing, including PE kit, is labelled clearly with your child's name.**

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day
Friday 30 th September:	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 5 th October - Friday 7 th October:	Robinwood residential (Year 6)
Wednesday 12 th October	London visit (Year 5)
Wednesday 19 th October	KS2 Stay and Calculate
Friday 21 st October	Diwali Day
Friday 21 st October	Break up for half term
Monday 14 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 17 th November	KS2 Stay and Read
Friday 25 th November	Non-uniform day (bring a donation)
Tuesday 29 th November	Stay and Decorate
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 16 th December	Break up for Christmas

If you have any queries about any of the above or school in general, then please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us.

The Year 5/6 team