

5th September 2017

LETTER FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 PUPILS

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome your child back after the holidays into their final year at the primary school. It will be an exciting and busy time for them, with lots of opportunities to shine in their role of oldest pupils! Our topic this term will be '*The Elements*' particularly concentrating on natural phenomenon's such as earthquakes and volcanoes.

Homework tasks will have a slightly different emphasis this year, focusing on a more creative curriculum. I would like the children to choose a self-directed project from a given list. This should take approximately two to three weeks; therefore, I would expect that the children will be able to complete 2 projects per half term. They were given a homework book to cover over the holiday and all homework should be completed in their book where possible; they will be encouraged to try their best with content and presentation using a black handwriting pen [not biro]. Spellings and the occasional maths or English sheet will be given out on a Friday, to be returned the following Friday [or before if completed...and placed in the homework tray in class.]

Homework tasks will usually follow the pattern set out below and should not last more than 45 minutes in any one night, following government recommendations. If your child is experiencing difficulties, they should not sit worrying, but come to ask for help at school the next day.

- a) **Personal self-directed project** [at least 2 to be completed over the half term]
- b) **Tables practice.**
- c) **Reading** [aim fo 30 mins a night] It is beneficial for children to hear an adult read, so they can hear expression in a voice so may I suggest that you read aloud for a short while. Remember to ask questions about the characters, setting, action or the meaning of particular words to check that your child has understood what they have read.
- d) **Spelling list** [2/3 words a night should be learned, rather than the whole list in one go]
- e) **An occasional maths or English practice sheet** [children are always prepared for the work on the sheet and told what to do.]

PE/GAMES kits will be needed on Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays. May I remind you that earrings/jewellery must be removed for all activities.

As always, if you ever have any concerns about your child's schoolwork, homework, or general welfare, please don't hesitate to ring or pop in for a chat. We are also very happy to have help in school, regularly or for the odd hour every now and again. If you feel you are able to offer any help, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Whetton

Dates for the diary:

14.9.17: Yr 6 visit to the Westmorland Show

14.9.17: Meet the teacher meeting at 4.30pm