



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**SARAH NISBETT, HEADTEACHER**

DUCKLINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASTON ROAD, DUCKLINGTON, WITNEY, OXON. OX29 7US

Telephone: 01993 703651

Facsimile: 01993 709212

E-mail: [office.3122@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3122@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Year 6 - Able, Adventurous, Amazing!**

Dear Parents/Carers

Phew, what a summer! We hope you have enjoyed the wonderful sunshine - we need to make the most of it while it is still here!

The Year 6 team have fully recharged their batteries and are hugely excited to begin a new academic year with the class. The final year of primary school is a special one that's full of exciting activities and opportunities. We expect the children to work hard, but hope that along the way we will experience lots of fun and laughter.

Organisationally, things are a little different this year. Mrs Harris will be teaching all day Mondays and Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Panter will teach Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursdays and Fridays.

### **The Year 6 Expectation**

In May next year, the class will complete their SATs. We will do all we can to ensure that they are ready and feeling confident that they achieve their very best. If the children are enthusiastic, willing to listen and put 100% effort into their work, then they will make huge progress this year. It's always exciting for us to see their confidence grow as they realise the potential they have.

We will hold a SATs information meeting later on in the term. Please look out for more information on this.

### **Our Topic**

We will be sailing back in time to when the people of Britain were left to fight the Anglo-saxons and invaders on their own. We will learn what it was like in Britain before the Vikings arrived, about their vicious raids and atrocious attacks, their longships, enormous shields and ginger beards! We will research how the Vikings were successful at invasion, how Alfred the Great fought back and how Viking and Anglo-Saxon rule in England eventually came to an end.

### **Homework**

There will be weekly English and Maths homework. This will usually be based on what has been covered in the lessons that week, giving the children the opportunity to consolidate what they have learnt. On the whole, an example of what is expected will be included, but if your child is having difficulty completing the tasks, please let us know before it is due in, and we'll do what we can to help.

Homework is thoroughly marked, and effort from the children will always be acknowledged and rewarded.

### **Residential**

We now consider ourselves experts at all activities carried out at the Pioneer Centre in March next year due to accompanying the children for the last three visits! It's a fantastic week and gives all individuals a



chance to shine, returning home full of exciting stories to regale you with.

Further details regarding the trip will follow later this term, but do please come and see us if you have any concerns or questions before then.

## **PE**

PE kits need to be in school every day. They can be taken home at weekends or holidays to be washed but please ensure they are back at school for the following Monday. There will be two PE lessons each week - trainers and suitable outdoor kit is vital.

Children are expected to take part in all PE lessons. They can only be excused if they have a letter from you stating clearly the reason they are not able to participate. Please ensure that earrings have been removed and hair is securely tied up.

## **Reading**

We expect the children to read daily, and we would like them to make a minimum of four entries into their home-school link book each week. We will check the books twice a week and rewards will be given to children who have achieved the required amount of entries.

Should you have any information it is important for us to know, please communicate via the home-school link book and we will respond as soon as we can. The children will be made aware of where to put home-link books which contain any messages, in order that we see them on the day they have been written.

If you prefer to speak to us in person, please make an appointment via the school office, or try to catch us before lessons start or at the end of the day.

## **Dates for your diary**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - Junior Citizen trip to Rewley Road fire station, Oxford

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - We'd love for you to join us for our class assembly to see what we have been learning this term. On the same day we will be holding a cake sale. We'd be hugely grateful if you could send in some cakes for us to sell (we promise not to eat all of them ☺!). All money raised will go towards new books for the classroom.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019** - Trip to the Pioneer Centre, Shropshire

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019** - SATs week

Year 6 is such a busy year, with lots of wonderful things taking place. We are looking forward to making lots of happy memories with your child during their final year at primary school.

With very best wishes,

Rowan Harris, Jane Panter and Becky Newcombe