

STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been such a delight to meet the new Year 6s over the past week. I have been enormously impressed with their creativity. Their enthusiasm and effort in class has been great to see and both Mrs Pugh and I are delighted to be working with them. I do hope they have enjoyed their return to school. Throughout the year, the class page of the website will be updated with information and photos from the year. By Wednesday 14th September, this will be updated for the new Year 6s.

Reading in Year 6

Reading is an important part of the school curriculum and at Stapleford we encourage as many opportunities to read and celebrate books, both at school and at home, as possible. We have a wide range of books in the classroom for children to read and are encouraging children to recommend books to others too. In class, we have a list of 100 recommended books for people in Year 5/6. Throughout the year, we will edit and adapt this to make our own version using the voices and views of our pupils. This will be added to the class page of the website (as will updated versions.) We will be writing in reading journals each day to keep track of what we are reading. We encourage all pupils to read each day at home.

Homework

Children will be given a 'Menu' of homework activities at the beginning of the half term. These activities cover a wide range of curriculum areas and the children are expected to complete an activity from each column each week. Please could books be brought into school on a **Wednesday/Thursday** (or before) so that they can be returned on a Friday. We are continuing with our new approach to teaching spellings this year so spellings will not be sent home. In school, we will focus on a number of spellings over two weeks and will assess at the end of this period. Please continue to encourage your child to use mathletics and times table rockstars regularly at home. *All homework activities will be posted on the **Pine Class Page** of the school website.*

PE

We have PE on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday** this half-term. Please could your child come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE will be outdoor on a Thursday (weather permitting) and indoor on a Friday.

Adult support

This year we are lucky to have **Mrs Pugh** working with our class. She will also be taking the class on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon during my release time.

Other

Please could you send an old shirt/t-shirt in with your child for when we do art activities. We will name and store these in school so that they can be used when needed.

Pencil cases are permitted if the children would like to bring one into school; however, they are not vital as the children will have access to all of the resources they need in class. If they do bring in a pencil case, please can they ensure it fits in their drawer.

Key dates

Duxford Air Museum: TBC

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and that Year 6 are enjoying their return to school. Please don't hesitate to email me or arrange a phone call if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Katie Street