

STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a good half term break!

Topic

Our first topic this year is *Life at Sea*. The proposed content of the lessons this half term can be found on the Autumn 1 topic web. If anyone has any knowledge or expertise in this area, then do get in touch if you would like to share!

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. Your child will be given the opportunity to take books home from the library or classroom and they may sometimes be given books or texts to take home and read. Every child has been given a reading record which provides an opportunity for yourselves or your child to record any books read at home. I will check these reading records every Wednesday. All KS2 children have a login to **Rockerbox News**, a non-fiction reading platform that can be used to enhance their reading experiences out of school. Please also encourage your children to read the articles on here regularly.

Homework

Children will continue to be given a 'Menu' of homework activities at the beginning of the half term. This can also be found on the Pine Class Page of the school website. These activities cover a wide range of curriculum areas and the children are expected to complete an activity from each column to be handed in on a **Wednesday**. Homework books will be marked and returned the following day. This homework is to be completed alongside the activities set on Mathletics.

PE and moat days

We will continue to have PE on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday** this half-term so please ensure your child comes to school in an appropriate P.E. kit on those days. We are moving away from children wearing 'moat clothes' in school as the PTA have kindly purchased waterproof trousers suitable for all children; however, this shouldn't affect your Y6 children too much as our moat day will continue to be on a Wednesday (when they are wearing their P.E. kit). As the moat is becoming muddier in the wet weather, please do send your child in with a **change of shoes/wellies** that can be worn in the moat.

Parent consultations

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our first parent consultation on Thursday 2nd November. If you have not yet booked an appointment, there are still slots available for Thursday 9th November. I am very keen to work with you to support your children this year, so please do take this opportunity to discuss their progress with me. If you cannot get a slot for next Thursday, or the date/time doesn't work for you, please let me know so we can arrange an alternative time to meet.

As always, don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,
Ellis Cooper