

4th September 2020

Dear Parents

Year 6 – Everest - Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Fosse Bank School! I hope everyone has had a good break and we are looking forward to the new term in our new classroom. Due to COVID 19, we have put much in place to keep everyone safe. Each child will have their own desk and equipment. Although we are in a pod with Year 5, we have our own playtimes and lunch times. There is also a one-way system around the school. I am sure the children will quickly get to grips with the new routines.

A copy of the curriculum map for this term is attached for your information, along with a class timetable and homework timetable.

On PE days the children should come to school in their PE kit (but have a spare set of clothes in their school bag including footwear). Swimming takes place on Mondays at Tonbridge School.

The children have each been given a Homework Diary and they will be responsible for making a note of any homework given and the date it is due in, completing the homework and bringing it into school to hand in at the correct time. There is a homework timetable inside the front of the diary as a guide. Most of the homework will be set via **Assignments on Teams** and an attachment or photograph of their work should be attached to the assignment and then 'handed in'. Response and marking of homework will be via **Chat on Teams**. If you are struggling to attach their work to the assignment, an attachment on an email will suffice. Thank you. Please encourage your child to complete what they are capable of, and then spend some time reading for 10 to 20 minutes each day, also revising their multiplication tables ready for 100 Club. It is important that the children get into a routine of reading instructions and questions for themselves and have a good attempt at the work that is set. A relaxed discussion with your child about work they are stuck on can often be beneficial, providing your child does not feel under pressure. Please sign your child's homework diary at the end of the week, to confirm that all homework was completed, but use email as a means of communication with us please. I will check email regularly. The homework diaries will provide a valuable link between home and school again in the future.

Please also help your child to be prepared for lessons by providing a named water bottle, which is to be taken home every night to wash and refill.

The Autumn Term will be a different one this year in terms of events but please refer to the Autumn Term 2020 Calendar and website, and be on the lookout for letters informing you of events taking place – some of these will be by Zoom. We are confident that your child will have a happy, productive, and enjoyable term but should you wish to discuss any aspects of their experience at Fosse Bank, please do not hesitate to email us to book an appointment.

Many thanks for your continued support, particularly in these unprecedented times. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jon Tipler
Year 6 teacher

Miss Alison Cordingley
Head

Everest Autumn Term 2020 Curriculum Map

Maths	Place value, four number operations, multiples, factors, fractions, decimals, percentages, data handling, ratio, probability, shapes, angles, mental calculation methods, measures revision.
Literacy	Short story with flashbacks. Poetry 2- Finding a Voice- responding to and performing poems. Non-fiction 3- Autobiography and biography. Texts: Journey to Jo'burg Journey to the River Sea Africa Grammar: Complex sentences, spelling patterns, grammar, dictation.
Science	Animals including Humans Healthy eating.
History and Geography	The History of Medicine How do I find out about our local area?
RE and PSHCE	What do religions say to us when life gets hard? Preparing for interviews, writing CVs. New beginnings, getting on and falling out.
Art and Design Technology	
French	Phonetics 4 and regular verbs topic. After Half Term: At school: subjects, opinions, times, days. Creation of Buches de Noel following a recipe in French.
Music	Singing and accompanying a range of songs, exploring rounds, singing and playing music in two or more parts, harmony, chords, a variety of musical accompaniments.
PE	Swimming: Water skills and stroke development. Sports skills and fitness: Improving co-ordination, speed and agility. Gym: Developing more advanced skills using apparatus. Games: Netball / Football / Hockey / Tennis / Tag Rugby– improving skills, knowledge of rules, and tactics.

Websites to enhance learning:

www.bbc.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2children

www.gridclub.com (Username- fos1077, Password- tn118nd)

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

www.nrich.maths.org.uk

www.timesonline.co.uk

For Parents: www.parentscentre.gov.uk

Homework Timetable Year 6

Year 6 children are expected to complete 50 minutes of homework every night. Parents are encouraged to support their child's progress at home and sign the homework diary. Homework is due as stated.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spellings (Test Friday) Handwriting (Hand in Wednesday)	Mental maths (Hand in Thursday)	English comprehension Topic task (Hand in Friday)	Maths (lesson related) (Hand in Monday)	No homework

The homework diary is to be used to record daily reading. (10 minutes minimum per night).