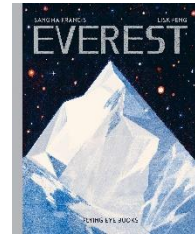




Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families and welcome back! The Year 6 team are all looking forward to a busy spring term, which began with a fabulous 'Explorer Day' to introduce our current writing unit based upon the book *Everest* by Angela Sangma Francis.

A copy of our termly overview will accompany this letter to give you an outline of the topics that we will be covering in Year 6 this term.



P.E.:

Please note that P.E. days have changed for both Year 6 classes this term.

Hawthorn: Monday and Friday

Maple: Tuesday and Thursday

As they did last term, children will need to continue to come to school in their P.E. kit (purple P.E. t-shirt with school logo and black shorts with trainers) on their allocated P.E. days. In order to ensure that they are warm enough in colder weather, children may also choose to wear plain black or grey leggings or tracksuit bottoms and their school uniform jumper/cardigan. Please help us to keep your child safe by ensuring that any earrings are removed in advance at home on P.E. days. If earrings cannot be removed (because ears have recently been pierced), they must be taped over at home before children come to school.

Reading Books:

We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child reads for at least 15 minutes each day, as this daily practice has such a positive impact on their reading progress and the development of vocabulary within their writing. Children will be expected to log their reading each day in their reading folders, which they should bring home and return to school every day, and complete online Accelerated Reader quizzes at the end of each text. The program gives children a numerical range from which to choose their reading book, based upon the scores they get within each half-termly test, and allows us to monitor children's level of reading and their understanding of the texts much more closely.

Homework:

In addition to the expected 15 minutes of reading every night, children will have one piece of maths and one piece of English homework to complete in their homework book each week. This will be sent home on a Wednesday and we expect homework books to be handed in the following Tuesday.

Reminders:

- Can we please remind you that all long hair must be tied up and that nail varnish, make-up and jewellery other than one pair of stud earrings are not permitted.
- Please ensure that children bring a coat to school every day, as we encourage them to get outside at breaktimes for fresh air even during light rain. Children must also bring a drinks bottle (which should contain only water) every day.
- Please help us to avoid lost belongings by ensuring that water bottles, coats and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Unnamed items are much more difficult to reunite with their owners in a large school!
- If your child has an inhaler in school, please check whether it needs a refill and that it is within its expiry date.

- **Internet Safety:**

During computing and PHSE lessons and assemblies, we continue to remind the children about the importance of internet/computer/mobile phone safety. If you wish to find out more about this, these websites may be useful:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

We also ask for your support in knowing which apps and facilities your child uses on their mobile phone (if relevant) and to remind them about making appropriate and safe comments via TiKToK / Messenger/ WhatsApp etc should they use these.

Mobile phones are not allowed in school except where children need them at the beginning and end of the school day to walk home. They must be turned off and handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the school day. They will be kept in a box in a lockable cupboard and given out at the end of the day.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mrs Kerswell, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Pilkiewicz
Year 6 teachers