

LUXULYAN SCHOOL

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Oak Class Newsletter – Years 5 & 6 **Autumn Term 1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Luxulyan for the academic year 2020 – 2021. As a new arrival to the school, at a unique time for all, I have been struck by how well the children have all coped with the situation. They have settled in well and I have really enjoyed my first days with them getting to know them all. They seem to be a very settled group of which the school are very proud I am sure.

I am writing to you to let you know about some of the areas of study and school life for this term.

We will have English and Maths lessons each day and we are very aware of the need to review and enhance learning opportunities in these key areas whenever possible to make up for some of the time away from school due to the lockdown. Afternoons will be given over to topic-based lessons and other foundation subjects such as P.E., R.E., languages and PSHE.

English

In English we will be using the Cornerstones curriculum to enhance and support our topic-based approach. There will be a combination of guided reading, comprehension, SPAG and writing lessons throughout the week. A class reading book to support our topics will also be shared each day.

For reading, all the children are expected to complete a book and quiz on AR reader at least once a month. We will be completing reading papers too for our comprehension sessions.

Maths

Fluency in times tables is an incredibly important skill to enable children to manipulate numbers quickly and efficiently therefore we will support the children as much as possible in this area. You can help at home too with regular practice and time using TT Rockstars and Hit The Button online to name just two. Alongside this it would be very helpful if you could support your child in ensuring they can tell the time in both analogue (clock face) as well as digital (numbers). This is no longer covered in the year 5/6 maths curriculum as it is assumed all children know how to tell the time at this age. For our maths lessons we follow the White Rose Maths mixed age planning schemes. We will also complete arithmetic and problem-solving papers as we near SATS week (May 2021) in order to adequately prepare them for the test expectations.

Topics

For Autumn 1, our topic is 'Hola Mexico' We will be covering Mexican festivals, music and food.

For Autumn 2, our topic is 'Stargazers' where we will explore more Design Technology opportunities.

Homework

As we cannot pass work from home to school pupils should continue with online learning opportunities such as TT Rockstars.

PE

The children will have coaching sessions with Plymouth Argyle community coaches on a Wednesday afternoon so that will be our designated day for the children to come to school in their PE kits. There may be other occasions in the week where we may also get outside for some exercise but I will endeavour to notify you through Class Dojo should that be the case so that children can bring in their trainers.

Year 6 transition

Usually we would be looking at visiting various secondary schools at this time of year so that you can make your choices for year 7. We are still awaiting final confirmation on possible dates etc. for this to happen if it is still possible.

Daily Essentials

Please ensure your children bring in a coat each day so that we are able to take them outside even if it is a little damp.

Clubs

At this time there are no after school clubs on offer but as guidance is reviewed the school will follow suit and look to extend an offer to you when possible.

Trips

Trips and residential are also a difficult proposition for all schools at the moment but we will continue to keep you updated as we receive further guidance.

I look forward to meeting you all during the academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Cooper and Miss Teobald
Oak Class Team