

Cougars' Class

Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6! I know that things haven't quite gone to plan, but I am really looking forward to teaching your children in their final year at our school. I am sure your child may have already told you how they are feeling about Year 6, but I want to reassure you that it will not only be about SATs this year. We will still be teaching the whole national curriculum and children will hopefully continue to see learning as fun. This year should be seen as a fun year! The children have lots to look forward to including a residential trip, a class trip, production and many other treats along the way. If you do have any concerns about your child's learning or their feelings in general, please do make an appointment to come and see me. I want to make sure that their final year at Kedington is one they will always remember for the right reasons!

Homework

In Year 5 the children were provided with the CGP homework booklets. These will continue to be sent home as homework, with the children being given 3 pieces a week. I will only send home one or two pages at a time, as I strongly believe that children should have time to relax and enjoy their time at home too!

Homework will be sent home on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with the homework being due in on the day the next one is sent home e.g. Monday's homework will be due in on Wednesday.

Last year's parents and I found it extremely helpful for me to upload the answers for each piece onto Class Dojo. The parents could then mark the homework instantly and discuss with their child any misconceptions they may have. If you identify an area your child is struggling with, please do let me know and we can then address this in school.

As it helped a great deal last year, I would like to trial this again this year. If you have any questions about this please do get in touch.

Homework and Knowledge Organisers

Homework sheets will now be used to track the homework being completed by the children. When the work has been completed, the corresponding box will need to be signed by an adult.

Knowledge organisers will now be sent home for RE, science, history and geography. Children will be quizzed on these at the start of each lesson, but they also provide a way to allow parents to see what your child is learning in school.

Reminders

PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday afternoon** and **Wednesday morning**. Please could your child make sure their PE kit is in school on these days. As we move into autumn, your child will need to have tracksuit bottoms and a warm top to wear over their black shorts and white T-Shirt as lessons will continue to be outside. Could I also make a plea that each item is clearly labelled as it always amazes me how many items are left behind.

Maths

Maths is a real passion of mine and I hope that my enthusiasm for the subject rubs off on the children. Each week the children will take an arithmetic paper which is then compared to all other primary schools in the Trust. Last year we became quite competitive and I hope that the new Cougars battle just as hard! I have already seen their fantastic skills and I look forward to developing these!

Reading

During the first week the Cougars will take their star reading test – this will give your child the level of book they can select from our library. If your child finds it difficult to choose a book from the library, I am more than happy for them to read a book from home. They can also take quizzes on these books, as I know how keen the children are to become word millionaires! It is so important for the children to continue reading at home, as regularly to an adult as possible.

Helping Hands

If you have any free time and would like to come and spend some time in the classroom, please do let me know. We are always looking for a spare pair of hands and any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Miss Fenn