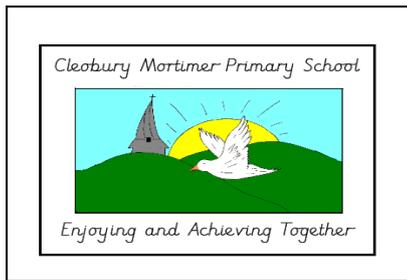


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Dear Parents / Carers,

First of all, I hope you all had a great summer and your child has now settled back into school after the holiday. I am very much looking forward to teaching them this year – I can't wait to see their work. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 6 team who will be working with Deer Class. We are lucky to have Mrs Hector, Mrs Williams and Mr Boyd, who will be teaching them during the afternoon sessions and Year 6 will be supported by Mrs Bunn and Mrs Parker. We will be working very hard as a team to ensure the children continue to achieve their full potential, whilst enjoying their learning. However, if you have any concerns, please let me know so they can be dealt with straight away.

Homework will be given each week which will include spellings. We would also ask that your child reads daily at home. Now that some children are fluent readers, they may prefer to read silently, but please ask them questions about their chosen text, as well as regularly practising their time tables. In addition to this, the children will be given a piece of maths and English (homework book provided for English) which must be brought back into school each week. This will be set on a Friday and will be due the following Wednesday. (Homework club will be on a Tuesday evening.) Occasionally, we may give them some project work related to their latest topic. We ask you to support your child with this by talking about school and modelling the importance of learning shows that parents / carers value what they are doing at school.

The spelling lists that the children are given each week, will be based on the national curriculum spellings for KS2 and this element of the curriculum will be taught daily in school. On top of this, children will also be given a half termly set of key words to spell, which are taken from the 'year 5+6 words' in the new curriculum. These words could come up in the reading or spelling and grammar test they will take in during SATs week.

Mental arithmetic is a very important aspect of mathematics, so we would also urge you to encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly so they can recall them at speed. In addition to this, rapid recall of number bonds (e.g. knowing $5+7=12$ instantly) will also help in their daily lessons, as we use both times tables and number bonds for many aspects of mathematics. Any other mental activities can be done to help with speed and understanding.

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As this year is a SATs year for the children, we will be working hard to ensure they feel well prepared for the tests in May next year. They will be the fourth cohort to be tested on the new curriculum set out by the government in 2014. The children will be offered extra support in the afternoons if we or they feel they need it. The purpose of this is to ensure the children feel confident with their reading, writing and maths.

PE will be on a Monday and Friday this year, but children should have their kit in school every day. This should be a white T-shirt, shorts, shin pads and trainers (If they have earrings and can't remove them, please also send in micro-pore tape.) Additionally, please remember to send in a spare pair of socks, especially for the girls who often wear tights. In cold weather a sweatshirt and a suitable pair of tracksuit bottoms will ensure they are comfortable.

Over the course of the academic year we will be organising some exciting educational opportunities for your child. The main trip will be the residential in October. Other visits will fit in with the curriculum during the course of the year. I have attached the curriculum plan for Year 6, which outlines the exciting topics we will cover during 2018/19. (Please note they are subject to change during the year and can sometimes vary during the week.) Should you have any expertise in any of the areas and are willing to share them please let us know.

I hope that Year 6 will be a rewarding experience for your child; we are looking forward to continuing to develop their talents, inspire them and help them to achieve their full potential. If you have any queries or matters that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Finally, I look forward to meeting you during the course of the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dawes

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