

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe we have already come to the end of our first term! What an amazing term it has been, the children have had a fantastic start to year 6, fully embracing their new roles, responsibilities and learning opportunities.

Term 2 is set to be as jam packed and fun filled as our first term together has been. The first week will be used to finish off our World War 2 learning. We are hoping to create our Anderson shelters during our first week back, so please keep hold of any recycling and junk modelling materials that we could use to create our shelters and send into school with your child the first week back. We will also be spending this first week preparing for our class assembly, we hope to see as many of you as possible! Our topic in Term 2 will then move on to Blood Heart- a science led topic in which we will be exploring the circulatory system and how the heart works. Our class novel will be 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. The end of the term will of course be a fabulous celebration of Christmas! Term 2 is also incredibly exciting as Year 6 will be enjoying their Forest School sessions, these will be on: Thursday 22nd and Thursday 29th November and Thursday 6th December. I will send more details nearer the time but please keep in mind the weather may have turned quite wintery so lots of layers, gloves, hats and scarves will be essential.

If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to come in to speak with myself. I can always be available to talk at the end of the school day or email Lauren.Morris@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk. I'm so looking forward to spending another term together.

Best wishes,
Lauren Morris

KEY MESSAGES



- **PE KITS:** We will be having outside PE every **Monday** and **Tuesday**. However, please could their PE kit be in school every day due to the unpredictable weather.
- **READING:** Please support your child in reading for at least 20 minutes every day. If they are struggling to find a 'good book' I can point them in the right direction of some authors and titles. Reading should be recorded in their contact book. Our book worm of the term will be restarting for term 2s medal winner!

SPELLINGS: During this term, the children will be regularly bringing home a set of spellings to practise based on a particularly spelling pattern. These patterns and words will be covered during lessons but it would be really beneficial for their learning, if they could work on these spellings patterns and rules at home, using strategies that work well for them e.g. using colours to emphasise different parts, playing word games, breaking the words down into syllables, creating mnemonics, air writing the words, saying the words, finding words within the words etc.



MENTAL MATHS: Yr 6 will continue to practise their Ryarsh Summit weekly.

WATER BOTTLES: Please encourage your child to bring in their water bottle each day so that we can ensure they are drinking enough during the day.

HOMEWORK: This will be given out every **Friday** and the children will receive 2 pieces of work to complete by the following **Wednesday**.

HOMETIME - The children will be brought out to the playground and they will make their own way over to you. Because they are now in Year 6, I will not be dismissing each child individually. A main aim in Year 6 is to develop their independence and this is just one small step in doing so. **Please let me know if anyone other than the usual person is collecting them after school within their contact book.**

Important dates for term 2:

Orang-utan class assembly Wednesday 7th November

Forest school sessions: Thursday 22nd and 29th November and Thursday 6th December

Key Areas of Study for Term 2

MATHS	Fractions, decimals and percentages	ART	Textiles and Tie dye
ENGLISH	Poetry Non chronological reports Persuasive writing and debates	PSHE	Health and well being
SCIENCE	Animals including humans The human body, circulatory system and keeping healthy.	PE	Invasion Games Football and Korfbal
ICT	We are project managers.	FRENCH	Clothes, families and occupations
RE	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?	MUSIC	A new Year Carol- Western, classical and bhangra music exploration.