

Dear Parents,

Term 2 has been and gone already, isn't time flying! But I would just like to take the time to say what an incredible term of learning Orang-utan class have had and take this time to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year! I would also like to thank you all for all of your continued support throughout the term with the children's learning!

Our next topic 'Beastly Vikings' will continue over terms 3 and 4 and it is set to be a fantastic celebration of the vicious Vikings as well as delving into the world of micro-organisms, mythical and real beasts! The Vikings has always been one of my favourite topics and I am sure the children will love learning about their barbaric lifestyle. Our topic will include learning all about who the Vikings were, their settlements, their life style and religions before moving onto learning all about dragons! Our class novel will be 'Beowulf,' but we will also be enjoying the series, 'How to train your dragon,' later on in the term to inspire our dragon exploration. The next two terms will be continuing to prepare for our SATS, practising papers, and test style strategies.

As always, 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 . Here is to another wonderful term!

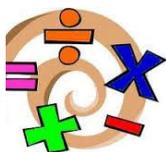
Best wishes,
Lauren Morris

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 3's 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, as well as a two weekly arithmetic test.

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**.



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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.**

Key Areas of Study for Term 3

MATHS	Decimals, percentages, measures and algebra	ART	3D clay modelling
ENGLISH	Non chronological reports Letter writing	PSHE	Living in the wider world.
SCIENCE	Micro-organisms	PE	Invasion Games: Korfball Gymnastics
Computing	We adventure gamers	FRENCH	Occupations, where we live and adjectives
RE	What matters most to Christians and humanists?	MUSIC	Classroom Jazz