



Orang-utan Class
Newsletter 1 – September
2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year and the start of our first term in Year 6. Despite these strange times we are living through, I hope you all managed to enjoy at least some rest, peace and quiet during the summer holidays, and I am pleased to welcome our new Year 6 back to school after their lockdown experiences, with a positive attitude and keenness to get back to a new kind of normality in school.

Since the start of term, Year 6 have been hard at work and setting a really high standard of behaviour and responsibility, and I've been pleased to see some great enquiring attitudes and some quick settling back in to the life of Ryarsh Primary School.

This term, we will be continuing to observe our school's Recovery Curriculum, with a real focus on core reading, writing and maths skills alongside our streamlined wider curriculum topics. Our timetable for the day will be in accordance with the social distancing guidelines set out, ensuring that our pod 'bubble' has their own unique break and lunchtimes, as well as arrival and home time slots.

Our class will also be beginning Forest School sessions towards the end of this term – further information will follow nearer the time.

The 11+ Kent Test is currently scheduled to take place on Thursday 15th October, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our participants the best of luck in this assessment.

If you have any questions or messages during your child's time in Year Six, please feel free to e-mail me: richard.payne@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

KEY MESSAGES:

PE – PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons during Term 1 and 2 – please ensure children arrive in school in PE kits on these days, and that they are suitable for outdoor sessions in colder weather.

SPELLINGS – We will be using the Year 6 Spelling Lists to practice, reinforce and test weekly. Thank you for your support in practicing at home.

Key Areas of Study for Term 1

MATHS	Arithmetic and Number Operations	ART/DT FRENCH	Lowry/The Blitz Classroom Objects
ENGLISH	Writing based around the short film 'Alma' and the novel 'Wonder'	PSHE	Relationships and School Values
SCIENCE	Electricity	PE	Outdoor Games Dance
COMPUTING RE	'We Are Adventure Gamers' Charity	TOPIC MUSIC	World at War Happy

Many thanks once again for all of your support, I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

Mr Payne and the Year 6 Team.