

Diamond Class Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Welcome to Year Six!

We have an exciting year ahead filled with plenty of fun and interesting topics. I am really looking forward to seeing the children make progress throughout their final year at Milldene. I will endeavour to keep you up-to-date with any changes. Registration starts promptly at 8.50am; however, I will usually be available

English

This term we will be focusing on instruction writing and using *How to Train Your Dragon* as our inspiration. We will read a variety of different instruction texts and will focus on the key features including organisational devices and commands. As the term develops we will begin to look at poetry and short stories.

Reading

The children will continue to read and quiz using the Accelerated Reader scheme. It is incredibly important for the children to enjoy reading and to discuss their books with you. We will continue to work on comprehension skills in our guided reading sessions. I have already sent home a VIPERs question stem sheet to assist the children in their comprehension skills.

Mathematics

We will begin this term by refreshing our knowledge on place value and mental multiplication and division techniques. We will continue to develop our mathematical understanding by applying skills to real life scenarios as often as possible. Our Times Table Rock Stars challenges will continue, to help us increase our speed, accuracy and confidence in recalling number facts.

Topic

Our topic this term will be all about the Vicious Vikings. I very much welcome the class to bring in toys, photos, books, posters or *anything* related to this topic that they would like to share.

For our topic in the Spring term, we are hoping to go on a trip to Colchester Zoo. We will endeavour to keep you updated, as soon as further details are available.

P.E.

Our scheduled P.E. lessons are on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. When the colder weather arrives, a cold weather kit would be of benefit- tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. In line with the county council's health and safety policy, earrings must be removed for P.E..

Could all parents please ensure that their child's P.E. kit is labelled with their name to allow us to quickly return any lost kit to its rightful owner.

Homework

In Year Six, the children will be expected to read as regularly as possible and to learn spellings. We will continue to learn and revise spelling patterns; a letter regarding the spellings and some techniques to help learn them has already been sent home.

The children will also be expected to complete a half termly project based on our current topic, this will be open ended to encourage the children to be creative.

We will begin to use My Maths for homework this year, and I will provide the necessary login details as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Meet the teacher will be after school on
- Tuesday 11th September at 3:15pm.
- On Monday 24th September we will leave to go to Kingswood for our residential visit, where the children will get the opportunity to take part in a variety of confidence, team building and fun activities.
- After-school open class will be on a Tuesday each week.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Mrs Heydon