

6th September 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to your child's final year at Simmondley School! The children have settled well into their new routines, and are already setting an excellent example to the younger children in school.

Topics

We begin the year with a focus on Ancient Greece. We will be learning about Greek mythology, recreating Greek architecture, and listening to our class novel, 'Who let the Gods out' by Maz Evans. In science, we will be studying 'Earth in Space', and are arranging a trip to Jodrell Bank (details to follow).

Reading

At this level, where most children have achieved reading fluency, it is still important to develop their understanding and appreciation of what they read. For this reason, we ask that you continue to read with your child at least twice a week, and record these sessions in your child's reading record. In order to attain the 'expected level' for reading, the children must be able to make inferences and predictions about characters and situations, so questioning them about what they have read helps them "read between the lines" - this is especially valuable. It is really important they have reading stamina and can sustain their reading over longer periods of time. New vocabulary they come across with you can also be recorded in their reading record book.

Homework

Maths homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be handed in by Tuesday at the latest. Homework will be set from a workbook every week, just like last year. Please don't worry if your child is not working from the age appropriate work book - it is far more important that they gain confidence in what they do. The children will be going over their homework in class, so it is important that it is handed in on time.

Spellings are also taken home on a Friday for a test the following Friday. We will continue to learn spelling rules and the Year5/6 words which children should use and spell correctly in their own work **most** of the time. The children will complete their tests in the back of their spelling books, so you will be able to monitor their progress.

There may at times be additional English homework set. This could be consolidation of skills learned in class, or a reading comprehension activity.

PE/Games

PE lessons will be with sports coaches on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Most lessons this term will be outside, so an outdoor PE kit will be needed in school on both of these days. It is a good idea to leave an indoor PE kit (black shorts, white t-shirt and black pumps) in school as well, to be taken home at half-term.

Library

Our library session will be on a Wednesday morning.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns about how your child is progressing, or how they are settling in, please ring or pop in to see me.

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