

Tuesday 18th April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term at Ipplepen in Year 5. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter. I am really looking forward to getting to know the class better and continue the great progress that they have made already with Miss Kedge. Miss Galan will continue to support in Year 5.

We have lots to look forward to this term including: Year 5 Residential, Sports Day, making the most of outside learning with hopefully better weather, as well as exciting new topics to enjoy and learn about.

Here are just a few reminders of the expectations of the children for this term:

Children will (as before) be expected to:

- Come into school equipped with all necessary items; a bottle of water, pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, P.E. kit, homework (due in on Tuesday unless stated).
NB: P.E. is on Monday afternoon with Mrs Cartwright and a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Lacey.
- Complete homework to their best standard and hand it in on time- Children will be set 30 minutes of both English and Maths homework weekly. English homework may be linked to topic work when necessary or may be set in project format.
- Practise spellings- Children will again be set up to 10 spellings a week to practise with a weekly test on a Friday, these spellings will be put into sentences. The spellings will be from the year 5 and 6 curriculum list. Children are also encouraged to use these within sentences both in and out of class. Any misspelt words will be retested the week after- please see highlighted words in the children's reading diaries for information.
- Practise multiplication tables- All children have been given a multiplication table to focus on and/or facts including decimals. These will be randomly tested so they will need to be prepared.

- Read at least three times a week- It is important for the children to show that they are reading a wide range of texts throughout the year. We have a class reading record that the children are expected to complete in school to show when they have started and completed a book; I will be keeping an eye on the books that the children are reading throughout this term and will encourage them to read a range of genres.

As a school we are also very keen to encourage the independence of all the children (especially those in Year 5). This term we are continuing to ensure that all children come into class unaccompanied to be able to start their school day; if you need to talk with the class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact me to arrange an appropriate time.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Cartwright ☺