



Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

18th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. Thank you to all those families who have already signed up to Class Dojo - I hope that you are finding it informative. Alongside Mrs Lewis and Mrs Langhamer, the teaching assistants working in class, we will be welcoming Miss Fisher, a student teacher, who will be working with the class throughout Year 6.

This term we are studying the topic 'War and Peace'. Further information about this (along with the other topics we will be covering this year) will be available on the Year 6 curriculum map, which is on the school website.

Homework will be given out on Mondays and the children will be given approximately two weeks to complete their task. Each week your child will also receive Big Maths and spellings which, although they will be taught in class, we would be grateful if you could support the children in reinforcing the learning of these at home (they will be tested each Friday). All homework will reinforce the work we have been doing in class and your child should be able to complete it independently. However, there are occasions when your child will be challenged. Please support them whenever you can or remind them that they can always ask Mrs Lewis (our class teaching assistant) or me for help. Children should be encouraged to work to the best of their ability and complete homework with a sense of pride. Children will be awarded dojo points for completing their homework.

This half term our PE days will be an indoor PE session on Thursday afternoons and dance sessions will take place on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing. As the weather gets colder they will need jogging bottoms and a sweat top.

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In Year 6 all children have the opportunity to play a woodwind or brass instrument and they will be able to bring the instrument home so they can practise. On Wednesday mornings, whole class sessions will be taken by a peripatetic music teacher, Mr Abbott. These instruments are valuable and for this reason I ask that you do not allow them to be played with as toys.

Good readers become good writers, so although your child may read fluently, it is still vital that you talk to them about the books they are reading. The children already have a suggested genre and book list. Ask questions to check their depth of understanding.

An important date for your diary will be SATs which will take place between **Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May**. The following link has some very useful information for parents:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/ks2-sats-in-2019>

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact and/or book an appointment to meet with me. I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and at parent meetings later in the term.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs K Holliday

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