



Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

Monday 14th September 2020

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.

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) are available on the Year 6 curriculum map, which is on the school website.

Currently our planned trip this year will be to the Imperial War Museum Duxford, look out for a separate letter to follow later in the term. The cost of this trip will be around £10.

Homework will be given out on Mondays (starting from week beginning 14th September) and the children will be given approximately two weeks to complete their topic/science 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 outdoor PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing. As the weather gets colder they will need jogging bottoms and a sweat top.

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 practice. On Wednesday mornings, sessions will be

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taken by a peripatetic music teacher, Mr Abbott. Due to the current situation children will be split into two groups and we will be following the risk assessment from Essex Music Services. These instruments are valuable and for this reason I ask that you do not allow them to be played with as toys and that they should only be used by the Y6 pupil.

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. Ask questions to check their depth of understanding. The children should be reading for at least 15 minutes per day.

An important date for your diary will be SATs which will take place between **Monday 10th May and Thursday 13th May**. The following link has some very useful information for parents:
<https://blog.oxfordowl.co.uk/key-stage-2-sats-advice-and-help-for-parents/>

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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