



Decoy Community Primary School And First Steps Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the start of a new academic year and after what has been a challenging time for everyone, we would like to provide you and your children with clear information regarding the upcoming Autumn Term.

Curriculum – We are very close to launching our new school website which will contain details of our new whole school curriculum. However, in the meantime, please find a list below of topics being covered in Year 6 this Autumn Term.

- PSHE – Being Me in My World, Celebrating Difference
- Art and Design – Works inspired by Hundertwasser
- Computing – Micro:bit (Programming and coding)
- Design and Technology – Architecture inspired by Hundertwasser
- English – Information Texts (Mayans); Newspaper Reports; Narrative (Mystery); Playscript (Elf)
- Geography – All Around the World
- History – Mayan Civilisation
- Mathematics – Place Value; Number (Addition/Subtraction/Multiplication and Division); Fractions; Geometry (Position and Direction)
- Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) – Mi Casa (My Home); Habitats
- Music – Charanga (Listen and Appraise songs and understand the interrelated dimensions of music)
- Religious Education – Creation and Science; Belief Systems
- Physical Education – Invasion Games; Step to the Beat; Mighty Movers; Dynamic Dance
- Science – Light; Animals including humans

Reading – In Year 6, the books that your children are reading usually come from the library as part of our Accelerated Reader scheme. We encourage you to discuss and question your child on their reading book; this will help them when they come to quiz. Obviously, the comprehension of the text is very important and a child cannot move onto the next level of books until their understanding is secure.



Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes can be taken at home but it is vital that children take these quizzes independently without adult support. Instructions for logging in will be written into the front of the reading record. The website for taking quizzes can be found at: <https://ukhosted51.renlearn.co.uk/2236651/default.aspx>.

Children should record in their reading record which page they have read up to, and make a quick comment. We recommend that children try and read for at least ten minutes, at least once a day. If your child takes a quiz, this should also be recorded, along with their score. Please can an adult at home sign the reading record comments **four times a week** in order to evidence that your child has read. Helping our children to become fluent readers is perhaps THE most important thing we can do for them. Reading books and records need to be in school every day; we will check and sign reading records every **Wednesday** to make sure that children are keeping up with their reading.

Homework

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) - As part of the National Curriculum, we want to make sure that each child has a good understanding of the skills needed to become a good writer. Each week, every child will be set homework which will consolidate learning that has been taught in lessons. This homework will be due in on a Wednesday with new homework being set the same day.

Maths - Maths will be set every Friday with it due in the following Friday. This work will be based on work carried out during school to help consolidate or progress your child's learning.

Spelling - This is separate from SPaG. Each child will choose their own spellings from their spelling card and will write these in their red spelling book. We expect them to use two A5 pages to practise their spellings before being tested on them the following week (Thursdays). It is also very important for your child to have a clear understanding of the definition of each word that they are given to spell. All spellings will initially be taken from the statutory KS2 spelling list.

The table below is a helpful reminder with regard to what is needed in school each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading Records and Reading Books to be in school each day				
		SPaG homework due in		PE kit to be worn
	PE kit to be worn	SPaG homework set	New spellings set and previous spellings tested	Maths homework handed in
		Reading Records taken in		Maths homework set

PE – As stated above and as you have previously been informed, PE is on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. For the time being, children can come to school in their PE kit on PE days.



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Snacks - We would like your help to promote healthy snacks at break time. Please avoid sending in crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars, or anything containing nuts, and instead encourage the children to eat a piece of fruit, a cereal bar or breadsticks, for example.

Labelling - Please may we kindly ask that all jumpers, coats, drinks bottles and packed lunch boxes are labelled with your child's name. As we are sure you will appreciate, finding and returning un-named lost property to children can be time consuming.

E-mails - Mr Veal can be emailed at cveal@decoyschool.co.uk, Mr Strick can be reached at tstrick@decoyschool.co.uk and Mrs Searle at dsearle@decoyschool.co.uk. Please be aware that it is school policy that there is no expectation for staff to respond to emails outside of their working hours.

Mr Veal (Falcons) works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Mrs Searle (Falcons) works on a Monday

Mr Strick (Eagles) works Monday – Friday

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support in what we hope will be an extremely positive year for all.

Mr Strick, Mr Veal and Mrs Searle

Year 6 Class Teachers

New EmailArchiveForwardView Recipients

