



Decoy Community Primary School And First Steps Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the start of a new term 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 Spring Term.

Curriculum – Our school website contains details of our whole school curriculum. In addition, please find a list below of topics being covered in Year 6 this Spring Term.

- PSHE – Dreams and Goals; Healthy Me
- Computing – We Are Publishers: create a yearbook/magazine; We Are Connected: developing skills for social media
- Design and Technology – Moving Vehicles (pulleys and gears)
- Art and Design – Robert Wyland (Wildlife and whale artist)
- English – Charles Darwin Biography; Wallace and Gromit – Cracking Contraptions
- Geography – Globalisation and Trade
- History – History of Newton Abbot / Local Trade
- Mathematics – Algebra; Measurement; Perimeter, area and volume, ratio
- Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) – Items In The Classroom; Goldilocks and The Three Bears
- Music – A New Year Carol; You've Got A friend
- Religious Education – Why do Hindus try to be good?; Salvation: What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people?
- Physical Education – Pilates; Tennis; Cricket; Badminton
- Science – Evolution and Inheritance; Electricity

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. Children's usernames and passwords 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> and can be found on our Google Classroom.



Children should record which page they have read up to in their reading record 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 targeted 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.

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

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

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

Snacks - We would like to continue to have your support 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. It is also frustrating for parents/carers when items are lost.



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E-mails - Mr Veal can be emailed at cveal@decoyschool.co.uk and Mr Strick can be reached at tstrick@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 Monday – Friday

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

Best wishes,

Mr T Strick and Mr C Veal

Year 6 Class Teachers

