Wednesday 14th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Class 6 and tell you how much I am looking forward to working together this year to ensure we have a happy and successful year. The children have settled back into school life and our routines extremely well and I am thoroughly enjoying my time with them.

Year 6 is an important year for the children. They have reached their final year at St George’s and so we will be spending the year ensuring that they are equipped with the academic and emotional skills they will need to move on to secondary school. I have every faith in them.

**The Class 6 Team**

Mrs Anderson and Mrs Hazeldine help make up the Class 6 teaching team. We will be working together to support the children with their learning. Mrs Anderson also helps take care of the children during their lunch break.

**Homework**

As always, support with your child’s learning is both welcomed and encouraged. Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Friday and will include spellings, a maths task which will usually be set on Mathletics and a reading task. More details about homework can be found on the Google Classroom.

To join the Google Classroom, the children should use the following code:

vgaawkc

**Reading**

Over the past week we have listened to each child to ascertain which book band level they should be on and have sent home books accordingly. We will be setting Bug Club books alongside their Reading Scheme texts. The children will need to let a member of the teaching team know when their book needs changing.

**Times tables**

I cannot stress enough the importance of your child knowing their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.  In Year 6, the pace is fast, there is a lot to get through and we do not have time to go back and teach times tables that should have been embedded by the end of Year 4.  I would appreciate your support in helping your child to consolidate and reinforce the instant recall of tables facts. They will need these across most areas of maths and without them they will struggle. TTRockstars is an excellent resource to help increase the children’s speed and accuracy.

**Curriculum overview**

I have uploaded a curriculum overview to the Google Classroom to give you an idea of the topics that are covered in Class 6.

**PE/Swimming**

PE with Mr Chidgey will take place on Monday afternoons each week. Swimming will be on alternate Wednesdays (you should have received an email confirming your child’s sessions. Also, this information can be found on the school website). On the week that they do not swim, they will have PE with Mrs Buck supported by one of the Class 6 teaching team. On the days that your child has PE, they may wear their PE kit to school.

**Contacting the school**

Mrs McDonnell will continue to send out newsletters containing important information for you. If you have any general enquiries, or need to provide any information about medicine, appointments, absences or school routines then continue to contact the school office on office@stgeorgestaunton.uk or telephone on 01823 284130.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s learning, then please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email: t.hughes@stgeorgestaunton.uk. I will endeavour to get back to you ASAP.

Kind regards,
Mr Hughes
Class 6 Teacher