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Dear Parents

Year 6 Autumn Term

Welcome back to a new academic year - your child's final year at Wheatfields. We have listed below some information relating to homework and curriculum your child will be following this term.

Your child has been given their homework diary, this book is seen as a natural step in your child's continued progression and developing independence. The diary is provided so that your child is able to record their homework tasks, weekly spelling lists and to add your own comments that should be directed to your child – encouraging their progress. We ask that the homework diary is brought in daily and is signed by an adult every weekend. It should be given in on a Monday morning. Class teachers can then follow up any points raised.

Should parents wish to contact teachers please write to your child's teacher or phone – rather than write messages in your child's diary – these are left in rooms and are not always confidential. If diaries are lost a replacement can be bought from reception at the cost of £1.50.

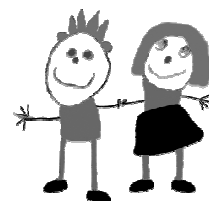
In response to government guidelines the current Year 6 timetable for homework is as follows:

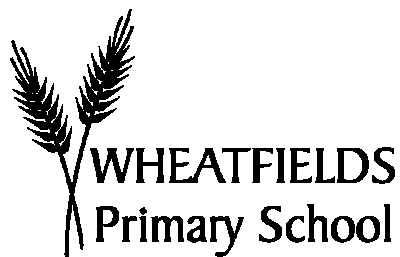
Tuesday Numeracy – given by the teacher of your child's numeracy set (for Thursday)

Thursday Literacy - given by the teacher of your child's literacy set (for Monday)

Friday Curriculum homework – given by class teacher (in by Tuesday)

- Children using Skyways should have their folder available daily. This should come home Mondays, Wednesday and Friday.
- Although no specific homework is set on Monday/Wednesday we would recommend the learning of spellings and tables. Spelling tests take place on Tuesday whilst tables tests on Friday.
- We would expect that the children are reading daily at home for 15 minutes. It would be helpful if one day a week they could read aloud to an adult.
- Occasionally work not finished within the given time will be sent home to be completed.





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Curriculum overview for the Autumn Term in Year 6

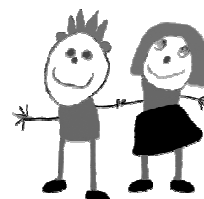
Numeracy	Place value, multiplication & division; fractions, ratio & percentages, handling data, using a calculator, shape & space, measures, addition & subtraction, problems, number sequences.
Literacy	Poetry, narrative writing, film, non-narrative, biography (autobiography).
Science	The water cycle. Materials – dissolving and filtering
ICT	Spreadsheets, Databases
History	The Victorians - inventions/inventors, reformers. society & living conditions, Victorian school day.
D & T	Designing & making slippers, designing & making Christmas cards in the style of traditional Victorian cross-stitch.
Music	Exploring lyrics, melody & mood. Music Hall
RE	Christianity - focus on ceremonies e.g. Baptism.
PSHE/SEBS	New beginnings
P.E./Games	Invasion games e.g. hockey/football, striking with the focus on sending & receiving, attacking & defending tactics. Tag Rugby
Geography	Development of rivers/major river systems

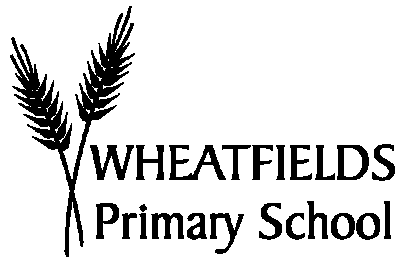
If I could remind parents that appropriate games and PE kit should be in school for Thursday and Friday

Other events taking place in the Autumn Term:

Tuesday 22 nd September	7.00p.m.	St. Ivo Parents meeting
Friday 25 th September		Year 6 Parents coffee morning St. Ivo
Thursday 24 th September	7.00p.m.	Ironbridge Trip meeting for parents
5 th - 9 th October		Ironbridge Residential Trip
Wednesday 14 th October		Victorian Day

Throughout the first half term we will be providing cycling proficiency training. Unfortunately we are only allowed 10 children in a group so this will take considerable time to complete with our Year 6 pupils. We aim to get as many pupils as possible through this by half term. However it is likely that some pupils may have to wait





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until the Summer term. We will try to ensure that all pupils are given the opportunity to participate at some time in Year 6.

As you can see from the above we have a full and busy time ahead of us. If at anytime you have concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher either before 8.30 a.m. or after 3.00 p.m. We look forward to your support in making this a happy and successful final year for our Year 6 pupils.

With thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. D. Turner & Miss Elliott

