



Year 6

Miss Allin

Mrs Daniels & Mrs Greenaway

Contact Books

- o Contact books must be in school every day.
- o On Monday, contact books will be set up for the week. This will include four sections: spelling score, times tables challenge score, new spellings and reading record.
- o Please sign in your child's contact book so we know when they have read.
- o Spelling tests will be done in a spelling book which will stay in school.
- o Children are responsible for letting me know if there are any messages from home and will be expected to hand them to me at registration.

Reading

- o Ideally children should read for about 15-20 minutes every evening, followed by a short discussion about what they have read. This will support your child in being able to answer different questions about a text
- o Please ask for a sheet of example questions if you need support with ideas for home reading sessions.
- o We will also be doing guided reading daily in class and each group will work with me once a week, as well as completing other independent reading activities. Our reading sessions will mainly focus on understanding and comprehension, rather than word reading and decoding.

Maths

- o For the first part of this term, we will be focusing on arithmetic and basic skills to make sure children are secure before moving on to applying these.
- o An important part of maths is reasoning. Children need to be able to explain their thinking and why they have worked the way they have. They also need to be able to discuss *why* answers are incorrect.
- o Children who are secure in their times tables are able to complete tasks more quickly, which allows them to make better progress. Please encourage children to practise these at home! Each week, children will do their times tables challenge, aiming to improve on their previous score. There will be two target tables each week and these will be displayed on their learning logs.

Learning Logs

- o All children at High Firs are required to complete a weekly home learning log.
- o These are set on Friday and need to be handed in by the following Thursday. Children may of course bring in completed learning logs sooner and this allows extra marking time which is very helpful.
- o In-line with the school home learning policy those children who do not hand in learning logs will be asked to complete them in their own time in the duty room.

Home Learning

- o If your child does not understand any task they should speak to me or Mrs Daniels about this before the hand in day, so that additional explanations / support can be given.
- o If your child is still struggling to complete a task, please let me know and we can go through it in class.
- o New spellings will be sent home in contact books on a Thursday and these need to be learnt ready for the test the following Thursday.

P.E.

- o P.E. kits need to be in school at all times – sometimes we have to change our P.E. slot at short notice.
- o All items must be named please!
- o P.E. is on a Wednesday and Thursday this term, although this will change each term.
- o If your child wears earrings they will need to be able to remove them independently before the lesson for health and safety reasons, or have some tape in school to cover them up.

Notes...

- o Children should not be bringing pencil cases in to school - all stationery is provided in the classroom.
- o If you have any questions or issues to discuss, please come and see me at the end of the school day as before school, I'm usually setting up for the day. However, if it is urgent, I am generally in school from around 8 am each day.
- o SATs is the week beginning Monday 14th May 2018.

Year 6 Topics

o Some of the topics we will be learning about this year:

World War II

Rainforests

Google SketchUp

Mexico and Mexican food

The Jungle Book

Sikhism

Shakespeare Stories

The Ancient Maya

Evolution

Fairtrade

The Tudors

Light

Scratch

Microsoft Excel