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Welcome to the Autumn Term of Year 6

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the term in Year 6, where the children have been getting used to being back in school and have already started to learn about our geography topic Natural Disasters. In PDL this half term we are exploring 'Being me'. We have lots of exciting learning planned for the term and we cannot wait to get started – please take a look at the curriculum overview that has been sent out with this letter for more information on what we are covering.

The start and the end of the day

Our school day starts at 8.35am and ends at 3.15pm. Please bear with us at home time, as we need to release children one at a time as we see their parents and carers, which may take a little time while we get to know your faces. Please make sure that all names are on the collection list. If you wish to add a person to the list, please speak to a member of the office staff.

What to bring to school

All children should have a named water bottle in school every day – they will be in charge of filling and refreshing these during the day and will bring them home to be washed. Children should not bring a pencil case, any toys or notebooks from home.

PE days

Year 6 PE days will be Monday and Wednesday every week. Please ensure that on PE days your child wears trainers, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt. In cold weather your child should also wear a plain black hoodie or school jumper.

Forest School

In Year 6 the classes will rotate accessing Forest School sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. We ask that for Forest School sessions children wear long sleeves and trousers and appropriate footwear, such as boots or wellies. When it is your child's day for Forest School, please send them to school in their Forest School clothes, with a spare change of clothes and shoes in their bag in case they get wet or dirty.

Kenya– Autumn 1 and Spring 2
Madagascar – Autumn 2 and Summer 1
South Africa – Spring 1 and Summer 2

Healthy snack and lunchboxes

Children need to bring in a healthy snack, for example: fruit, crackers and nut-free cereal bars for breaktime. Please can those bringing a packed lunch from home ensure there is a healthy balance of food and a separate drink.
We find children are more able to concentrate on their learning when they have a healthy diet and are hydrated throughout the day. Please therefore do not send your child to school with sweets or

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fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. Some ideas can be found here https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes

Reading & Spelling expectations

The expectation for reading is that children read every day with an adult at home; we recommend about 10 to 15 minutes with a short chat at the end about what they have read, and for this to be recorded in their reading log. Children will also shortly have spellings sent home, to learn and complete any tasks set.

How you can help your child in Year 6

Encourage your child to be responsible for their own belongings, e.g. bringing in their reading record daily. Take your child to the town library and choose different types of books to read. Practise multiplication tables together. Play games such as Monopoly, Chess, Blokus, Dobble and Scrabble with your child to support their learning in Maths and English. Spend time cooking with your child to practise reading and following instructions and understanding weights and measures.

What to do if you have any worries or concerns

If you have any non-urgent learning or personal and social concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with a class teacher, please email through adminoffice@vigo.hants.sch.uk or catch them at the end of the school day at pick up.
Mornings are a very busy time for teachers as they prepare for your child's learning for the day, so please avoid trying to speak with them at that time, unless it is urgent.

Keeping up to date

The school have recently updated the school website and we are looking forward to sharing images of our child's work and activities on this. The link for the Year 6 section is Vigo Primary School –

Year 6

Kenya- Mrs Mitchell
South Africa- Mrs Black and Mr Dockree
Madagascar- Miss Marie

We look forward to a happy and successful year.

The Year 6 Team

R. Dance

Rachel Dance
Head teacher