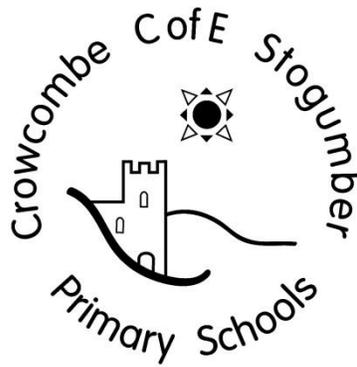


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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you had a good Easter and enjoyed the fine weather. I am looking forward to another exciting term with a range of new topics for the children to study.

As is usual with a class containing Year 6 children, the focus of the first three weeks of the term will be the upcoming SAT's assessments. There is a great deal of information to support the children on our 'Google Classroom' page and as I have said before, a 'little and often' approach to home learning is usually much more beneficial than spending a large chunk of time on one day and then not revisiting learning for some time.

In English this half-term children will be studying discussion texts and diary entries. They will start by learning how these texts are structured and then move on to writing examples of their own. After the break, the children will be reading fantasy short stories and instructions, and again, will write their own versions. The class reader I will be sharing will be 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' by Kieran Larwood which is an award winning book from the fantasy genre.

In maths, children in Year 5 will be developing their knowledge of fractions before half term, and then moving on to converting units and angles. Children in Year 6, once they have completed their revision sessions will be learning more about; statistics, ratio and proportion and solving problems with two unknowns. Children will continue to practice arithmetic on a daily basis and any additional support which could be gained from revising multiplication tables or supporting quick recall would be of benefit.

In science children will be finding out more about the Earth and Space before the half term break, and then finishing the year by bringing together all their learning in a unit entitled 'Making Connections.'

In geography the children are already learning about the different types of energy which we use to power our homes and the difference between fossil fuels and renewables. This work progresses to compare the energy use in the USA and the UK. After half term, the children switch to a history unit based around the census and what it tells us about life in the locality.



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PE will be taught by myself and Mr Wageman. There will be two sessions of PE each week on a Monday and a Thursday afternoon. Before half term the children will be learning more about cricket and athletics, and after half term the focus switches to rounders and badminton.

Mrs Phillips will continue to teach the class art and design technology. Before half term the children are completing their arts award, and then they will be making frame structures to launch a rocket.

Spellings will be set on a weekly basis, and alongside work on the Doodle platform and reading, form the core of our homework. There are often additional activities which the children can undertake, and these are always posted on the Year 5/6 Google Classroom page at the weekend.

Please get your child to log in and see what has been set. Often there will be activities which will supplement their learning in the classroom.

We continue to value reading as a key aspect of every part of our school curriculum. This term, to encourage more children to engage with the accelerated reading scheme, we will be awarding extra team points and stickers to the children who score the most points in their reading quizzes on a weekly basis. We saw children from Stogumber score extremely highly in week 1, so I look forward to the older children staging a comeback as the term progresses!

Looking forward to an exciting term,

Gary Brown