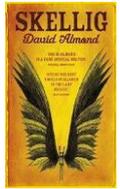




Year 6 Newsletter Autumn Term 1



Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year at Wimbledon Chase Primary School. We hope you have had a restful break over the summer and we are all delighted to be back in front of an enthusiastic cohort. They seem to have settled in well and are already engaged with our new topics. Can you believe that this is the last year of primary school for your child? We hope that this year will be an enjoyable and exciting one that will enable your child to transfer to secondary school feeling happy and confident.

Drop-off and collection has worked well. However, can we remind you that children must not enter the school premises or building before their allotted time. They should also be collected at their allocated time and leave school immediately. If your children are allowed to walk home alone, please can you ensure that you have emailed the office expressing your permission for this.

Thank you for attending our 'Meet The Teacher' presentation on Thursday; we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, the slides are available on the school website and parents are welcome to email or telephone if they have any further queries following this.

Below is a little more academic detail for the next half term:

Curriculum overview for this half term (please refer to the topic web for further details)

Subject	Main learning
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan • Skellig by David Almond • Suspenseful writing incorporating description, characterisation and plot driven dialogue. • Diary entry writing • Figurative Language • Whole class reading – inference, retrieval and vocabulary • Sentence structure and the use of all punctuation marks.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and place value to 10 million; fluency, problem solving and reasoning with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. • Times Tables fluency.
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution and Inheritance • Investigate how fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. • Environmental adaptation — how this may lead to evolution. Looking at the importance of Charles Darwin. • Animal and plant adaptations. Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind but not identical to parents. • Timeline of the Earth and the evolution of humans.
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-Safety – how to stay safe online. • App building
Creative Curriculum/ Humanities/P SHE/RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celtic Life • Roman Invasion of Britain • Boudicca and the Rebellion • Impact and legacy of The Romans • Faith and The Arts • PSHE Theme: Positive behaviour for learning.

PE and Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invasion games• Athletics
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Homework

- Please ensure that your child is regularly reading and recording their own comments in their diary five times a week. We have spent time reminding the children of how we expect this laid out. We will also be asking children to practise their basic maths number facts too.
- Please check your child's homework diary each week and sign at the bottom of the page. Please use this as a communication book between home and school.
- We will occasionally use Google Classroom to set homework tasks – this will be made evident in diaries.

Pencil Cases

We appreciate your efforts to supply your children with all that they may need in school and we do understand your frustration when things get lost. We would advise that the children need to have the following named items in school in one pencil case: writing pencils, blue handwriting pens, colouring pencils, a sharpener, a rubber, glue stick (vital!) and a 15cm ruler. A dry wipe board pen, a highlighter and a few fineliners would also be very useful.

SATs and Assessment

Our aim is to prepare the children for these tests in a way that is helpful but does not put undue pressure on them. These are important, but not the be all and end all, and certainly not the focus for the year. A SATS information evening will be arranged at a later date to be confirmed. The tests will take place from Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding our IESP and Parent Consultations on the week beginning Monday 11th October and 20th – 21st October respectively. You will receive more information on how to book your appointments in due course. Please do call in for a telephone appointment if you would like to speak to any of us in the meantime.

Mobile Phones and Social Media

If your child brings a mobile phone to school for safety reasons, then it must be handed into the class teacher. Please be aware that Year 6 children are younger than the minimum age requirements for all well-known social media apps/sites. We try to educate to prevent the misuse of social media, but we cannot police the use of them outside of school. Our advice as a school is to be aware of which apps your child is using and if he/she is upset by someone else or misuses them, then delete the app. We, of course, take seriously any incidences of online bullying, and these will be dealt with immediately.

Thank you for the continued support and encouragement you give to your child.

We are always pleased to meet with you should you need to see us, however, we do ask that you make an appointment with us first either via the school office or your child's homework diary.

Kind regards,

Mr Surkitt, Mrs. McGarrigle, Mrs. Lawless and Mrs Frost