

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a relaxing summer break and took advantage of the quality family time that you had together. It has been an incredibly challenging 18 months for all of us but we are all excited at St Andrew's because many of our school and class routines can return back to 'normal' - if any of us can even remember what that is! It was such a pleasure to see children and parents all together on the school grounds on the first day back.

I am so excited to be teaching this class for the first time – the final chapter of their journey at St Andrew's CE Primary School. This year I am joined in class by my teaching assistant Ms Turner. Mr Napier will teach the class every other Thursday for PPA cover and Miss Lucas will teach some of the children for English and maths interventions on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

Our topic this term is 'Shh Walls Have Ears' as outlined on the curriculum poster overleaf and we are already immersed in a topic which the children find fascinating.

To ensure a smooth transition from Y5 to Y6, I have included many of our class routines below. These will remain the same for the whole year but may change slightly when we get closer to SATs in May.

#### Routines:

- Hands will be washed or sanitised on a regular basis throughout the day. Tables and equipment will be cleaned thoroughly at regular times throughout the day too.
- Please make sure that your child has a named **water bottle** in school – the classrooms get very warm and active brains need plenty of hydration!
- Tuck shop is not currently available so I would recommend that children bring their own healthy snack to school (no packets of crisps or chocolate biscuits). Fruit is always a great option!
- PE will take place every **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
- On days where Y6 have PE, children should attend school in their PE kit.
- Children should wear their school PE kit (white T-Shirt with navy blue shorts) but tracksuits (in the same St Andrew's colours) and trainers are also recommended.
- Homework will be set on a **Wednesday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Arithmetic and reasoning test revision, spellings and times tables will continue to be ongoing homework activities and tests will take place each **Wednesday** afternoon. Each week, the spellings will follow a particular rule set by the Government in the Curriculum; as you know, some words are challenging! Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed and all login details are kept in the front of each child's homework book. <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>.

- Login details for Spelling Shed, Code.org, Mathletics and TTRockstars are kept in the front of each child's homework book. I would encourage your child to use them regularly at home.
- Children should read every evening. Even though your child is becoming increasingly confident as a reader, it is still important that you share books together and talk about features of the text. Children who regularly read at home generally make excellent progress in school. We will hear children read during guided reading each week or on a 1:1 basis. Books will be changed as often as possible. Free readers can change their own books in the class.
- Clubs will take place after school from 3.15 - 4.15pm and places will need to be booked via the school money system. Details will be posted regularly on newsletters.

The term has started extremely well. We have had great attendance so far. Everyone is smartly dressed, keen to work hard and well behaved in class.

I look forward to getting to know you all over the course of the year.

With very best wishes from the Year 6 team,

Mr Pope and Ms Turner.