



Eynsham Community Primary School

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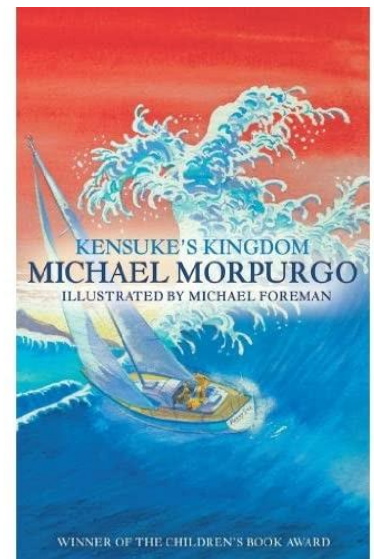
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Welcome Back – Term 3 and 4 – Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families had a great Christmas break and that you have had an enjoyable start to 2026! The new term has got off to a great start with the children settling back in really well. Please find below some information about the forthcoming two terms, including details of our topic, trips and the residential visit to Wales!

What your child's year group will be learning this term:



The Curriculum - Magnificent Mayans

In this amazing topic, our humanities lessons will enable us to learn all about the life of the Maya civilization in central America. We will be learning who the Mayans were, where they lived, how their calendar worked, how they farmed and traded goods, about their beliefs, their system of writing, and the impact that the physical geography of the land had on them.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be reading Michael Morpurgo's brilliant children's novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom', using it as inspiration for our writing. The book is about a boy who sails around the world with his family, encountering a wealth of interesting people, animals and countries as he does so. As Michael gets the opportunity to compare life in the United Kingdom with how people live in other parts of the world, so will we.

Our next two science topics are 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and 'Working Scientifically' (linked to the Big Science Event competition), whilst in PE lessons we will be learning some of the key skills of badminton and netball over these two terms.

Supporting Your Children With Their Homework

Reading: Please find time to share a book with your child at least 4 times per week. When your child reads at home, they can record this in their reading diary, receiving a house point each time they complete three reads, and contributing to their class' reading total for the week.

Maths, Spelling and Punctuation & Grammar Homework: As per last term, the children will be set a spelling task, a grammar activity and a piece of maths homework each Friday. For each piece of work, pupils receive a house point for either uploading their work to Google Classrooms, or for handing in a copy of the work (this is offered in paper format each Friday; pupils are also welcome to print their work at home and bring it in). The expectation will be for children to spend around an hour completing the work, and for each child to do the very best that they can, thinking carefully about the learning that has taken place in class. We will ensure each week the homework is a consolidation of previous learning. Homework is always due in by the Wednesday of the following week. As well as receiving a house point per piece of homework completed on time, pupils are also allocated additional breaktime as a reward for their hard work. We really appreciate your support with this.

TTRS and Spelling Shed: The children can further supplement their learning by spending time learning their multiplication tables by using Times Tables Rock Stars at home and completing their spellings on Spelling shed. Please see your class teacher if you would like a reminder of your child's log-in details, which were given to the children at the start of the school year. This is part of the weekly homework, so please make sure this is completed on a weekly basis.

Uniform:

Children should wear plain white or navy polo shirts, grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafore dresses, and navy sweatshirts or cardigans. Socks should be black, grey or white and tights should be red or grey. Footwear should be smart black shoes or plain black trainers (no logos). Please make sure that all items are named. No make-up or jewellery should be worn except for simple stud earrings, and long hair should be tied back. We are having to remind children on a daily basis to tie up hair, therefore we would really appreciate your help with this.

PE Kits:

All children will need a NAMED (warm) sports kit suitable for outdoor PE this term. This may get muddy and should therefore be taken home each Friday for washing. PE kit must include a pair of trainers to change into. Our PE slot is on a **Friday**. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. Children with long hair must have it tied back.

Water Bottles and Snacks:

Children should have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. We also recommend sending in a piece of fruit/veg to be eaten at break times.

Key Dates:

Tuesday January 20th 3:15pm (Kestrels Classroom) – Woodlands Meeting

Tuesday February 24th 3:30-6:30pm – Parents' Evening

Wednesday February 25th 3:30-6:30pm – Parents' Evening

Monday March 2nd to 6th – Woodlands Residential Visit

Thursday March 26th - Westminster Abbey Trip

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know. Have a great term and many thanks, as always, for your continued support,

Mr Wyatt, Mr Clack and Miss Davis