



PORTFIELDS SCHOOL

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

September 2011



Dear Parents,

We are pleased to say that the children have quickly settled in to the new term. We all enjoyed sharing the excellent array of holiday homework which the children brought in on the first day back. Thank you for all your support.

We are looking forward to our History topic on the Ancient Greeks. You will be receiving information shortly about our forthcoming visit to the British Museum that will take place on Wednesday 5th October. This will give the children the opportunity to study the many artefacts from this period and discover how the Ancient Greeks lived.

For our work in PSHE, we will be focusing on the unit of citizenship. To aid us in this topic, we will be visiting the 'Safety Centre' to experience first hand what it would be like to be faced with a situation that needs to be solved responsibly.

In Science we will initially be focussing on the topics of Sound and Light. Our work on Sound will link with other areas of the curriculum such as Music, Art and Design Technology. The children will be designing and making a musical instrument of their own choice.

Homework requirements have already been discussed with the children and they have recorded these in their homework diaries. Please could you make sure that you have signed the homework diary, so that we can see you are aware of the homework arrangements. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to organise themselves to complete their home work well and to submit it on time. Homework is particularly important in Year 6 as it supports work being studied in school and also prepares the children for secondary school.

Reading logs are going to be closely monitored in order to provide each child with the best possible opportunity of developing their overall literacy skills. Reading groups will take place within English sets rather than in class groups this year to enable the set teacher to develop the appropriate reading skills for each child. In addition, set teachers will liaise with class teachers regarding the completion of the reading logs and weekly parent/guardian entries.

We would like the children to keep their P.E. kits in school throughout the week. Our outdoor games session for the whole year group is on a Tuesday afternoon. Kit may be washed over the weekend and returned to school on the following Monday, or kept in school in a bag until half term.

Our first Parents Evening is in November and we look forward to meeting with you then.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 Team.