



Aim High, Fly High

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and your child is raring to go in this short and important term.

As always, we have an exciting Spring term ahead of us with our World Wars topic; this will include the roles of men and women in the war, life in the trenches, why the war started, the countries involved and how supplies reached the troops. More information on this topic can be found on the Year 6 Overview. We will be studying 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo in our English lessons this half-term. As a school, we will be having a History week in January, focusing on how our school has changed over time; a wellbeing day with a yoga teacher visiting; winter sports day; science days; and bikeability.

This half-term's Cambridge United PE lessons will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (plain white/black/navy t-shirt, joggers or shorts, trainers and normal school jumper). Year 6 will have their second PE lesson on either a Tuesday (17th Jan, 24th, 7th Feb) or Thursday (11th Jan and 2nd Feb) this half-term.

Home learning will continue to be set weekly but will be more SATS-focused this term. It will no longer be a grid with a choice of activities: it will follow the format as the Guided Reading home learning and each piece must be completed to a high standard. All tasks are **compulsory** and must be handed in on Thursdays.

In addition, children will continue to be given **compulsory** weekly spellings, which will be tested every Wednesday, and times tables to learn, which will be tested every Friday. In addition, there will continue to be **compulsory** Guided Reading home learning each week and this must be returned on Mondays ready for class/peer marking.

We will be sending a P.E. bag home. Each week a child from the class will have a chance to take a bag with P.E. equipment home. There will also be a book inside with a checklist of items, suggestions for games to play at home and some space for pictures to be stuck in. Please feel free to add games you have played so others can enjoy your creative time as well. I hope you do not feel pressure with this bag. Do as much or as little as you wish. There is also a space for suggestions. I will be happy to hear feedback. If you could return the bag on a Monday then I can ensure it is passed onto the next person. If any equipment is lost or breaks then please inform me so I am aware.

May I also request that children bring in a glue stick to keep in their pencil case/ learning pack because school stock has become very low.

If you have any queries, please contact the office who will pass on the message to me. I will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

Later this term, you will be invited to attend a meeting which will introduce the Year 6 SATs and you can keep up-to-date with other important events and updates via the school website and the Airwaves newsletter. The date for this meeting is 1st March 2023.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to help your child to have a great penultimate term at Duxford Primary.

Best wishes,

Miss Emma Hobbs