



### **Welcome to Hyde!**

I hope that everyone has had a good holiday and is rested and ready for year 6! Things at Sutterton are going to slowly return to normal this year including the school day, which is from 8:40am to 3:00pm. Children will need to bring water bottles and pencil cases loaded with a pencil, rubber, sharpener and a ruler (30cm ideally). Pens, highlighters and specialist equipment will be provided in class. This year, the school will be quite strict on school uniforms, especially with regard to school shoes, so please refer to the uniform policy on the school website. I would also like to remind everyone that breaktime snacks should be fruit and veg only please.

This term we have a geography focus and our topic is 'Land Use'. We will be looking at local maps and land use and see how this has changed and impacted the local area over time. In science, our first topic of the year will be evolution and inheritance where we will be looking at the work of Many Anning, Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace. In art, we will be studying various street artists including Banksy and discussing the controversies of street art. We will also be learning the skills of Netball and Rugby in PE this term. Our first book study will be Michael Morpurgo's 'Alfred, High King of Britain'.

### **Homework**

Homework will be given out on **Fridays** and will be due for the following **Friday**. It will be English or maths focussed and reinforce the learning in class. I will post it on dojo and give out a paper copy. It can be either handed in in person, or posted to dojo. It should take 15 to 30 minutes, if there are any difficulties, please don't hesitate to send me a message. In addition to homework, children should be completing at least 50 questions per week on Sumdog, this should take about half an hour and can be spread through the week. Sumdog is fantastic maths practice as it adjusts itself to the ability of each child. I highly recommend using the Sumdog app on iOS or android as it tends to run much more smoothly than the browser version. I will be checking Sumdog progress on **Mondays**. Spellings will be given out weekly, there will be some time during the week to practice them in class but please also practice these at home using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' technique, spelling tests will be every **Friday**.

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## **Reading**

Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes daily at home as improved fluency of reading has an enormous impact on children's ability to learn. This doesn't need to be reading with an adult every time. We will be returning to using reading diaries this year, but if you prefer to use class dojo, then please feel free to do so, please include page numbers when you sign reading diaries.

## **PE**

PE lessons will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Children will need to bring a PE kit, consisting of a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and trainers. We are going back to changing in school. Please note that earrings cannot be worn for PE and long hair must be tied back.

## **11+ Tests**

For those who are registered, we will be setting aside some time for practice tests to help the children become more familiar with the format and timings. I will also provide the children with some feedback based on the practice tests and some tips.

Class Dojo is all set up and ready to go, we use it a lot for providing feedback to children, parents and guardians and it is the best way to get in touch with me if you need to. I try to answer messages promptly though messages sent on evenings and weekends may be responded to on the next day.

We are looking forward to the new academic year and the challenges and experiences that lay ahead and we hope that you are too. We will be working hard but having fun too. See you all on Monday.

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