



Friday 16th September 2022.

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I'd like to welcome you all back to school and I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. It is lovely to see all the children back again and to hear their 'buzz' around the school.

I'm delighted to be back with so many children that I know from my time in Brize Norton last school year. In Falcons class this year I will be working with the very dedicated and experienced team of teaching partners, namely Mrs Bostock, Ms Kearvell and Ms Edmunds. We are looking forward to supporting, encouraging and learning with your wonderful children.

Year 6 is an important year for the children and we will help them to develop strategies and work habits that will support them in their transition into secondary education - Year 5 will also benefit from this and together they will be setting an excellent example to our younger children.

We will be following the National Curriculum for all subjects and our learning objectives will originate from there and will be age appropriate. Support will be planned for those children who need it and challenge will be there for everyone. Our timetable and Medium Term plans will be on the website and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

PE is on a Monday with swimming on a Tuesday morning for the first term. In English we are working on daily writing around the book *Rose Blanche* by Ian McEwan, which is about the Second World War. This will link closely to the History topic this term. In Science we will be learning about different materials and building on prior learning from lower down the school. We will have an RE day later in the term and more details will follow about this nearer the time. Art/DT will also be linked to the History topic and we'll look at the persuasive posters from the time and create our own, as well as looking at rationing and wartime recipes.

In Computing we will be thinking about our on line digital footprint and internet safety as well as using search engines to research information inside the classroom. French will be introduced this year as a modern foreign language and Mrs Stripe will be coming in each week to teach Music. So we have a great start to the term and we are going to be very busy.

The school is setting up a ClassDojo system which will be really useful for sending timely reminders or letting you know important information. Your child has come home today with login information so do have a go at downloading the App and logging on. For any concerns or more serious matters, please send a message to the office and I will call you to arrange a meeting if needed.

Homework will be designed to consolidate and support work that is happening in the classroom and will be given on Monday and is due back in on the following Monday. I know we all lead busy lives but please try to take the time to discuss the tasks with your child as this support will be invaluable. It will consist of:

- spellings from the statutory year 5/6 list
- regular reading and reading record updates
- Maths – to practise skills that we are working on each week.
- Occasionally it may include some research to support class work.



All the children look super smart in their school uniform, but can I remind the girls that long hair should be tied back as this is part of our school uniform policy. Hopefully we will not get any cases of nits but they do love long, clean hair so if hair is tied up neatly, the risk of cross contamination is reduced!

Some children have brought in their own pencil cases and they are fully responsible for the contents. We will be using handwriting pens though, and these will be provided by the school for all children as required. In fact, we have all the resources your child needs but they can, if they want, bring in a pencil case from home.

As a team, we are really looking forward to working with the Falcons this year and look forward to meeting you all at some point in the near future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send me an e mail (DEIMasri@brizenorton.oxon.sch.uk) or contact the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Kind regards,

Dawn El-Masri