



Harwell Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Over the coming year, we will encourage and enthuse your children as confident and responsible learners. We would like to take this opportunity to outline some important class 6 routines that we hope will be helpful to you.

Mrs Shorter will be teaching the children on Monday and Tuesday all day, and Wednesday morning (every other week) and Mrs Chapman will be teaching Wednesday (every other week in the afternoon only) and Thursday and Friday all day.

The support staff will be Mrs Buck.

Our topic for this term is Science-based (**Living things and their habitats**) with the focus on **Birds of Prey**. The driving questions for our project are: “What is a raptor? How can you identify a bird of prey?” Subject areas that will be included in our project are Science, Literacy, Geography, Art, DT and Maths.

The hook for our project is a visit from Millets Farm Falconry Centre on Tuesday 8th September. This is an amazing opportunity to see these magnificent birds up close and we know this will engage the children right at the start of this fantastic project.

The outcome of our project is to have an exhibition based on birds of prey, also including animal reports and a collection of fables created by the children. The date is **Wednesday 21st October from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm. Details to be confirmed nearer the time.**

The children will need to create a homework project (details to follow).

On **Wednesday 9th September from 5:30 pm**, we would like to invite you to a **virtual parents evening** (link to join will be emailed on the day), where we will be explaining the expectations for the year, including a presentation about SATs. I hope to see lots of you there.

During this term Literacy and Numeracy will be linked to our Topic where appropriate. Some areas covered in Literacy will be fables, persuasive texts, poetry and animal reports. We will also be using information books and explanation texts. Numeracy will involve consolidation

and extending areas studied before, such as place value and decimals, calculations and measurements.

EXCITING NEW FITNESS PROJECT!!

Now, more than ever, mental and physical health are extremely important to everyday life. We have created a new daily fitness programme which will have a positive impact for all involved.

This will enable the children to: gain a better understanding of their health, to aid them with their personal organisation (ready for secondary school) and also ensure they are ready for the day ahead.

The children will need to come to school in their PE kit every day. They will need to bring their uniform to change into after the session. The session will last no longer than 20 minutes and will be based on improving their own personal fitness.

During the early stages, the children will need to be supported to ensure they are fully prepared every day. For this we thank you in advance.

Sports

Wednesday - swimming at Harwell Pool (swimming costume and hat required)

Thursday- P.E./Games (outdoor and indoor kit required)

Daily- Healthy mind, healthy body (details above)

To avoid lost kit, please could you ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

During this year, we are encouraging the children to become more independent in organising themselves, but we also hope that you will be happy to approach us with any queries or concerns that you may have over the year.

Our school emails are:

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If you would like to discuss your child's progress or any concerns in more detail, we would be happy for you to contact us so we can discuss it further.

If there is anything we have missed or you are still unsure of, please don't hesitate to ask.

We look forward to a fun and productive year!

Best Wishes,

Hailey Chapman, Oana Shorter and Year 6 team