



Seb Clover Class



Newsletter 2020- 202

Welcome back – we are now Year 6 in Seb Clover Class

The adults working with you this year

Class Teacher: Mrs Sharp

LSAs: Mrs Snow and Miss Bacon (am)

PE: Mr Goldsmith (Sports Coach)

General Information

We are back! It is almost business as usual – we have had to modify aspects of school life and we know all the children are in different positions with regard to their readiness for school and what they have remembered or forgotten; but please remember everyone is in the same boat and we will be working hard to tackle this.

We will be continuing our one-way system for dropping off and collecting children at the beginning and end of the school day. Please enter school through the field gate and use the lines on the path to help you maintain social distances. The gates will open at 8.10 and children will be expected to come directly to the classroom via the main door to the block and be in the class ready for registration at 8.25. Parents will then be expected to leave school via the front gate.

At the end of the day the field gate will be opened at 2.35 and we are requesting that parents collect their children and leave promptly via the front gate to prevent congestion in the playground.

Emails: Following on from the success of the class emails during lockdown and to aid social distancing, if you need to speak to us can we politely ask that you email the new class address or phone school in the first instance.

Equipment: Children will be expected to bring their reading book, reading record and named water bottle in their school bag on a daily basis. Pencil cases and other stationary will **NOT** be needed as all children will be supplied with their own filled pencil case in order to reduce the risk of contamination from sharing equipment between child-child and home-children.

PE: PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. To comply with Covid guidelines we will try to hold these outside or in the very well ventilated hall. This means that children will need to wrap up warm when the weather grows chilly. A grey/black/dark blue track suit as well as normal PE kit may be beneficial.

Golden Worship



Although we are back at school, there are many changes. This includes whole school Worship and Golden Worship which at present cannot be held. We will, however, still be recognising children's achievements by presenting certificates in Class Worship and forwarding names to be included in The Buzz.

Topics



We will have different history and geography based topic each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on.



Homework and Reading



Homework is given out in the Homework Diaries for each half term. Please see the Homework Diary for more information. There may be additional Maths and English tasks sent out from time to time too. There will be a greater emphasis on reading in Year 6. Children will be expected to read a reading book (preferably a classroom book but you may read book from home too) as often as they can for a period of 10-15 minutes and aim to complete the class challenge. Five points will be given out for children who regularly read at home.

Reading books can be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. In line with Covid restrictions, all returned reading books will be quarantined for 48 hours before being put back on the shelves.

By Y6, most children will be fluent enough readers to read independently to themselves; however, all children benefit from reading aloud to an “audience”. Children may complete the reading record themselves but it must be signed by an adult at home. Discussions about what has been read is just as important as the reading itself, so please make time to discuss what has been read – talk about the plot, the characters, your predictions and opinions along with tricky or new vocabulary.

We will be trialling “Doodle Maths” over the next few weeks. This is a short online maths activity that is able to recalibrate itself to pitch calculations at your child’s level. We will be sending out access details soon and will welcome your feedback before we make any long term plans to integrate it into our curriculum.

Year 6 tests SATs



At the end of Key Stage 2 in May, Year 6 normally sit the national tests in English including SPaG and Maths. At present we have been told that they will take place next year although we do not know if the format will be changed or adapted. At this stage in the school year, we feel that the focus should be on settling the children back into school and “plugging the gaps” that will probably have appeared in their knowledge and application due to the prolonged gap in formal learning.

Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that children are settled, ready and focussed for their learning that day as soon as lessons start at 8.25am! The field gate will be locked at 8.25am so after then please enter school via the main entrance. (Parents will need to wear a facemask.)

Parents’ Evenings

Information about parents’ evenings will follow in due course.

**If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let me know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children’s progress.
Thank you!**