



Years 5 & 6 – September 2020

Dear Parents,

We were delighted to see so many of the children this week during their 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope it gave the children the opportunity to ask questions and to have some fun with their new class mates.

During the summer holidays, we would love it if they could help to make their new classrooms vibrant by creating the following:

A picture of their class animal:

Ideally, no bigger than A5 (half a normal sheet of paper). This can be drawn or painted. Please make sure the final piece is named.

Poem about their class animal:

Research a badger, mole or fox. What do they eat, where do they live? The poem could include their appearance and other facts. Once researched, children can make up a creative poem. (Remember - poems do not need to rhyme!)

These should be presented for display using neat, joined handwriting and illustrated beautifully.

Postcard

We'd love to hear what the children have been doing, or what they are looking forward to. Postcards could send to us at school from any location, or from home. (Send to your class teacher/s at: Surrey Hills Primary, School Lane, Westcott, Surrey. RH4 3QF). A 2Do has also been set up Purple Mash.

We have created blogs for each new class on Purple Mash. These can be accessed, as always, by logging on and looking in the 'Sharing' and 'Shared Blogs' links. Children can upload any completed work in their files and post questions or notifications. However, please ensure your child's posts are relevant as every post sends an alert – and these can become extremely time consuming to monitor!

As well as helping to make our new class colourful, it is important that key learning continues throughout the long break. Some suggestions are:

Reading: Please continue to read regularly (daily is best). Also, why not join the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE which is online for the first time this year (see next page for more details).

Maths: It is really important to continue to practise your number facts. Keep using Times Tables Rockstars and other online maths sites. Also, make sure you practise telling the time and try to use money including counting it and working out change

Games: There are many games that you can play with your family that are both fun but also help your learning: Uno, snakes and ladders, Ludo, card games etc. (There are many, many more!)

Language Development: Talking to your child and having family discussions is invaluable for developing your child's language skills. Please take as many opportunities to talk and to support your child in using new words.

We wish you all a very happy and restful summer break and we very much look forward to welcoming back the children in September.

With best wishes,

Mrs Kong, Mrs Kern, Mrs Grover & Mr Smith

The Digital Summer Reading Challenge is coming soon!



SILLY SQUAD



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The Summer Reading Challenge is back with Silly Squad!

It's almost time for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, and for 2020 it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The **Silly Squad** is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. This year, our Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like *Amelia Fang* and *Evil Emperor Penguin!*

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by you unlock along the way.

As always, we'll have loads of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, and tips on how you can keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed. We'll also have heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home!

Keep an eye on this website for the latest Summer Reading Challenge news.

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