

31st August 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome to Park House English School.

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 6.

This letter contains important information which will help your child have a successful final year in the primary department.

The school bell will ring each morning at **7.35am**, so please be on time. Please ensure your children wear the full school uniform (including their hat/cap) every day, and use their Park House school bag, P.E. bag and book bag. Please make sure all of their belongings are clearly named. Your child will need the following items for their final year:

- 30cm plastic ruler
- Blue or black liquid ink pen (not a ball point or biro)
- Glue stick
- Small dictionary
- Set of felt-tip pens
- Set of colouring pencils
- Small geometry set
- Calculator
- Whiteboard pen
- Whiteboard rubber

Reading

Reading is the key to learning. In year 6, like year 5, we use the Accelerated Reading Scheme. Children are expected to read every day, complete the necessary tests when they have finished the book and change it themselves. Children can change their books during library time, before and after school and during break. Children will be allowed to complete reading tests during lunchtime and before or after school. There will be a few other times during the school day during which a teacher may allow the children to complete a test.

Regular monitoring of your child's progress and achievement will take place. As well as reading Accelerated Reading books, children should read for pleasure and to acquire information.

Homework

Homework is usually given every day and we expect it to be completed to a high level and usually handed in the next day. Please check your child's homework diary daily and support us by checking that the task is done.

English

Related work on reading, comprehension and different styles of writing will be completed. Relevant punctuation, spelling and grammar rules will be taught and revised.

At the end of year children will undertake the Cambridge Checkpoints as their end of year test. These two papers will give the children's level in reading, writing and grammar, punctuation and spelling. The Cambridge tests in English have replaced the SATs tests that Year 6 children have previously completed.

Mathematics

Regular work on number facts, tables and mental arithmetic will be practised. It is expected that by this stage your child will be fluent in tables' knowledge from 2 to 12. Children will also be taught and revise all areas of mathematics from Key Stage 2.

For this year, children will complete SATs tests in mathematics. There are three papers; two non calculator and one mental maths.

Science

Term 1 Interdependence and adaption

Term 2 More about dissolving

Term 3 Changing circuits

An end of year science test, based upon the topics for year 6, will indicate a level for your child.

IPC (International Primary Curriculum)

Term 1 The Holiday Show Black Gold

Term 2 Making the News

Term 3 Go with the flow

Regular in-class monitoring and assessments, based around the skills gained in the different subjects of IPC will take place.

Other Subjects

Children will have weekly lessons of: French, P.E., Swimming (during terms 1 and 3. Extra P.E. will take place in term 2), Music, Qatar History, Art, Arabic and Islamic Studies (for those who choose to study these subjects).

The homework diary is a key part of the communication between yourselves and school. Please check it every day to see whether there is anything of importance. Please use the homework diary as a way of communicating information to your child's class teacher or to the Year 6 leader, Miss Hanson.

If you have any questions or concerns during the year then please feel free to arrange an appointment with Miss Hanson.

Yours sincerely

Park House English School



Mr Brian Allen
Head of Primary



Miss Hanson
Year 6 Leader

