



Autumn - Term 1 – Sharks Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sharks! Below are a few pieces of information about life in Sharks which hopefully will answer any questions you might have. We are happy to answer any other queries you may have as they arise.

Teaching Staff

Rachel Chadbourne (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Jane Leaver (Wednesday, Thursday)

Kim Weaver (Teaching Assistant)

Curriculum

We follow the National Curriculum, which is mapped out carefully to ensure coverage and progression across all classes. The curriculum documents can be found on the school website. If you would like to find out what your child is learning about they should also be able to tell you! Our first topic is called 'Evolve!' which is based around the science curriculum of 'Evolution and Adaptation'; other curriculum areas are also linked to this.

PE

This term Sharks will be swimming on Friday afternoon and will need their swimming kit (including a swimming hat) every week. Their 2nd session of PE is on a Tuesday however children should have their kit in everyday as things can change; they may also have additional sessions on Wednesday or Thursday. Please remember to label all PE kit, school tops and jumpers and trainers/shoes. Year 5 and 6 children can still lose things!

Music

The Year 5 children will all have Brass lessons provided by the county music service every week on a Tuesday afternoon. They are provided with an instrument by the school. This term, Year 6 children will have music in class at the same time.

Homework

Children will be given homework books to complete homework in. Sharks homework is set and handed in as detailed below.

Monday Times tables will be tested every Monday. Please encourage your child to learn and practise their tables.

Tuesday - English homework. This will vary week to week and may be reading or a task related to the book they are reading, or a piece of comprehension. This is to be completed by the following Monday.

Maths homework. To be completed by the following Monday.

Wednesday - Spellings or word and sentence work will be given out on Wednesday to be handed in on the following Wednesday. There is also a Year 5 and 6 statutory word list that all children should be able to spell by the time they leave school.

There may also be additional homework from time to time when needed.

Cloakrooms

Whilst we are happy to speak to parents whenever needed, children should not ordinarily be accompanied by parents into the cloakrooms or collected from the cloakrooms. If you need to speak to one of us then you are more than welcome to ask to see us at 8.30am or catch us after school – just ask at the school office. It is difficult to give you the attention you may need when there are children coming into the classroom at 8.40am.

End of Key Stage 2 assessments for Year 6 children

The Year 6 children will undertake formal national assessments in May. Assessments, whilst important, are only one small part of your child's time at our school. As long as they work hard and join in with enthusiasm then they will have personal success. Please try to avoid letting your child get anxious about assessments and help to alleviate your child's worries by reiterating that trying their best is all that anyone ever asks of them.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns then please do make an appointment to see one of us. We are confident that we will all have a great year, learning and growing together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Rachel Chadbourne and Jane Leaver