

Pimperne CE VC
Primary School



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Dear parents of children in Oak Class (Year 5),

I hope you all had a super Summer!

First of all, may I say how delighted and proud I am to be teaching your children in Year 5 this year, I am thoroughly looking forward to working with them. Indeed, I can already tell that it will be an enjoyable year for all of us.

Our topic this term is Tudor Exploration. We will be learning about: the Tudor monarchs; about famous Tudor explorers and why exploration was such a big part of Tudor life. Finally we will look at the legacy of Tudor travel and exploration.

PE for the first half term will be on Monday afternoon (with Mrs Bemand). We will also generally have an additional PE session later in the week (usually on a Wednesday). PE bags should be left in lockers during the week.

As you are aware, the Leeson House residential will be taking place from Wednesday 8th November. This is a fantastic experience for all pupils and will be a real highlight of their time at Pimperne School. I look forward to seeing you at the Parents Information Meeting at 3:15pm on Monday 25th September.

Homework and Reading

English, maths and spelling homework will be set each week. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. It is recommended that no more than 20 minutes is spent on each piece of homework (even if it is unfinished). Apart from homework set as consolidation or as an extension, pupils will have covered what is set during the week. Parent help with homework is encouraged, however, if pupils are struggling, please write a quick note in their HASP book and either myself or Mrs Emmet will go through it with them. Homework should not be the source of unnecessary angst! At times, there will be additional topic based homework.

Could I also ask all parents to hear their child read at least three times each week. Reading should be recorded in their Reading Record books; these should be brought to school with their reading books each day. Hearing your child read regularly is the single biggest way that you can have a positive impact on the academic progress of your child.

Finally

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the start of the day or after school. If I do not have the time then, I will arrange an appointment at the earliest opportunity. Alternatively, please leave a message for me at the School Office.

May we thank you in advance for your support.

Nigel Roberts and Debbie Emmet
Oak Class Team

