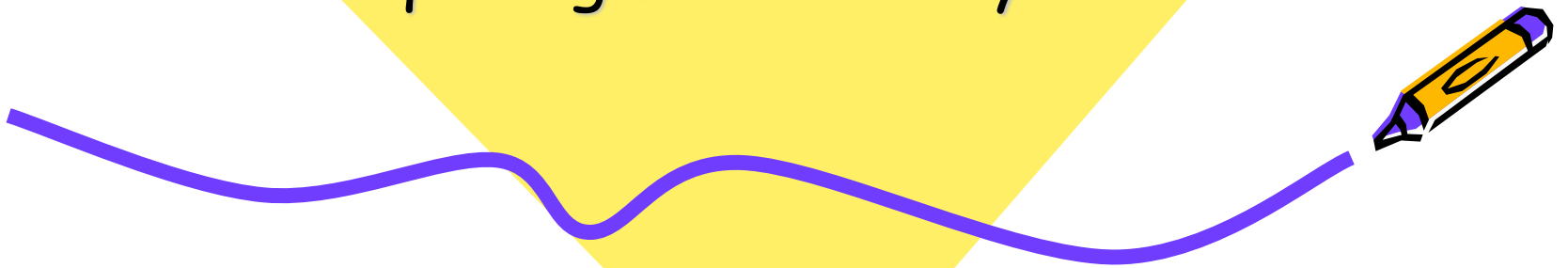


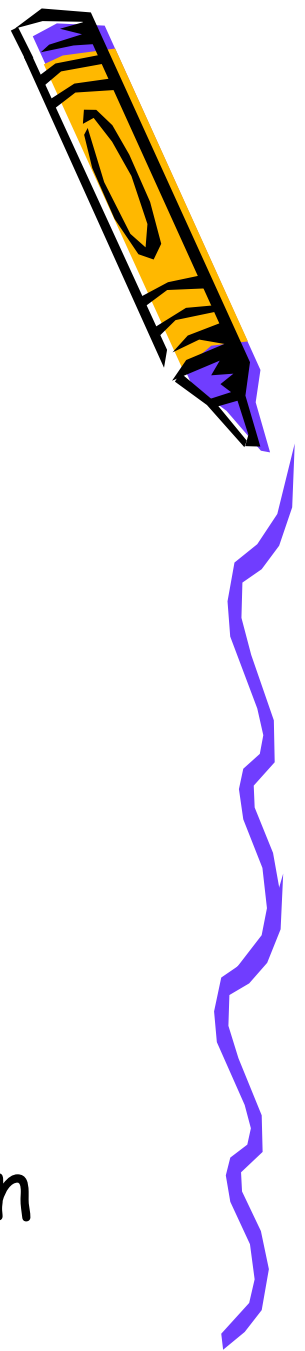
WELCOME TO Y6

A quick guide to the year!



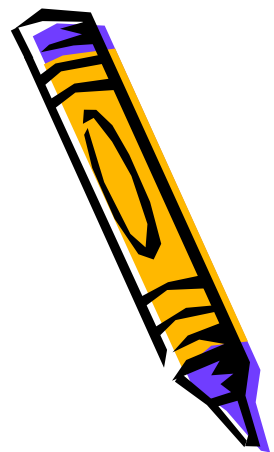
The Team

- Mrs Squires
 - Chestnut Class
- Mr Cooper
 - Oak Class
- Mrs Hawkes, Mrs Heasman and Miss Cunningham
 - Pine Class
- Mrs Winter
- Mrs Kelleher
 - for music
- Mrs Wyatt
- Mrs Doyle
- Mr Etches
- Mrs Sullivan
- Mrs Hewett
- Mrs MacKinnon
- Mrs Antoniou



Year Group Email

You can contact the year group team directly by email using *year6@stmartinsepsom.school*



- Can be used for...
- Providing the team with 'need to know' information about your child
- Making contact with the team regarding setting up a meeting/contact
- Asking questions about year group/class specifics in order to help your child e.g. home learning, PE Kits

Do not use for...

- Information about absence and illness - you must contact the office team
- Concerns or complaints - it is best to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or, if more appropriate, the YGL.
- *concerns@stmartinsepsom.school*



Please note that this email address is only monitored between the hours of 8am and 5pm

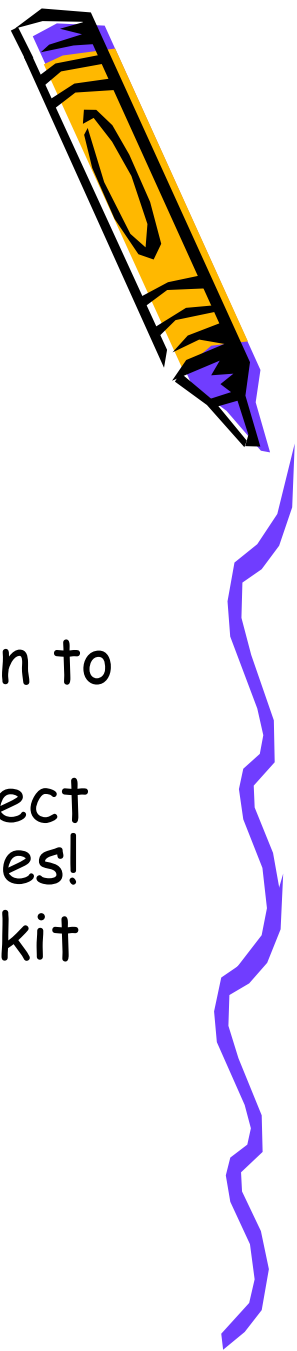
What will Y6 be like?



- Year 6 is a busy time and can be quite tiring too!
- In the autumn we are aware that some of you may take the selection tests for certain secondary schools
- You will all choose your new school for the following year.
- We are happy to help wherever we can.



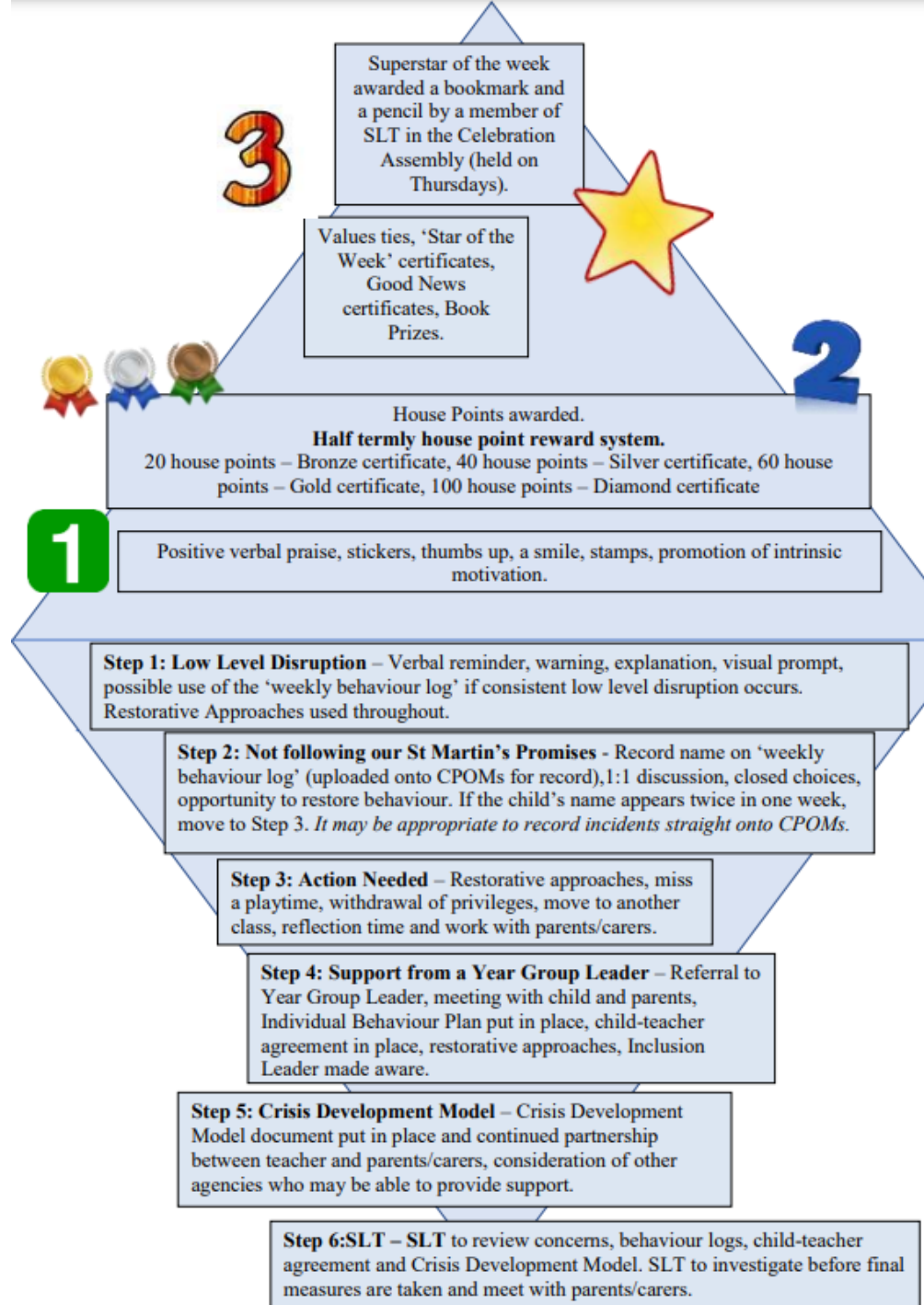
Year 6 - all about Year 7!



- We aim to prepare you for the change to secondary school, not least the all important skill of organisation.
 - You will be responsible for completing homework independently and bringing it in to school on the correct day.
 - You will responsible for wearing the correct school uniform, including appropriate shoes!
 - You will be responsible for remembering kit etc.
 - You will be treated as the oldest and, therefore, most mature members of the school.



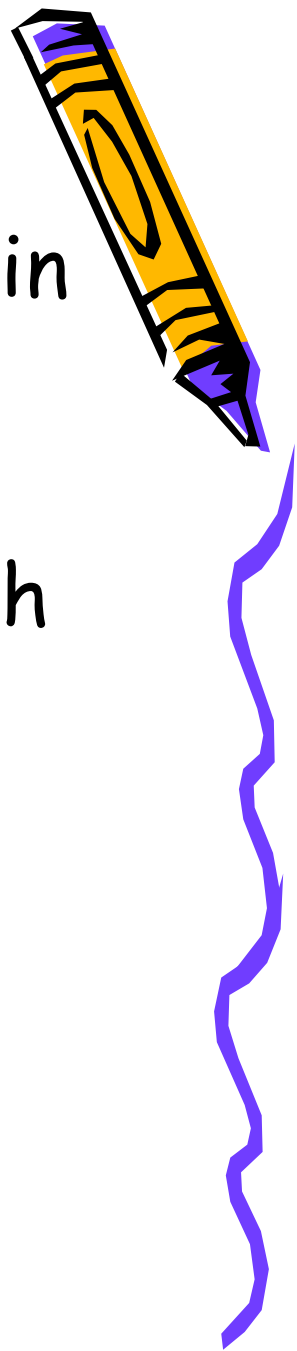
(not relying on Mum and Dad!)



Certain expectations

This year, we are taking extra pride in all areas of the school.

- Presentation of books is incredibly important! Please try your best with this.
- This also applies to standard of uniform, including your PE kit.





KS2 Uniform

Grey trousers / shorts



Royal blue or grey skirt / pinafore



White polo shirt (logo preferred) or white blouse



White collar, buttoned shirt and tie



Blue summer dress or shorts jumpsuit



Royal blue cardigan / sweatshirt / jumper (logo preferred)



White, grey or navy ankle / knee length socks or tights



School Shoes



PE Uniform

White polo / t-shirt



Navy shorts cycling short / royal blue shorts



Navy leggings / royal blue jogging bottoms



Royal blue sweatshirt / St Martin's hoodie



Plain white socks

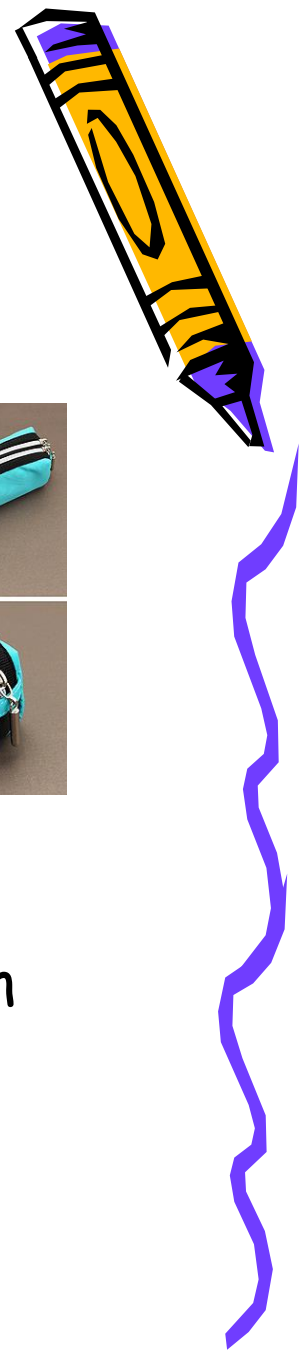


Trainers / Plimsolls



What equipment you will need?

- Learning diary
- Pencil case with
 - handwriting pen; pencils; purple pen also useful
 - whiteboard pen
 - sharpener
 - rubber
 - colouring pencils
 - glue stick
 - ruler
- Reading book
- Games Kit - wear your PE kit to school on a Friday.



Phones

Some of you will start to walk to and from school by yourself and this means you may need to bring in a phone.

If this is the case you **MUST**:

- Get your parent/carer to sign the phone policy.
- Hand your phone into your class teacher when you get to school.
- Name your phone.



No smartphones



In February 2024, Ofcom, the online safety regulator, reported that:

- despite most platforms having a minimum age of 13, six in 10 children aged 8 to 12 who use them are signed up with their own profile.

- almost three-quarters of teenagers between age 13 and 17 have encountered one or more potential harms online.

- three in five secondary school-aged children have been contacted online in a way that potentially made them feel uncomfortable.

- there is a "blurred boundary between the lives children lead online and the 'real world'".

EE warns parents against giving children under 11 a smartphone

Guidance comes after calls for a total ban for under-16s and a statutory ban on mobile phone use in schools



Concern has grown about the negative impact that excessive screen and smartphone use has on young people's wellbeing. Photograph: Matt Cardy/Getty Images

'Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher does have the power to intervene 'to such an extent as it is reasonable to regulate the behaviour of pupils when they are off the school site'



Year 6 - Autumn 1 - Week 1 5th - 9th September

Ap pr		9:00 - 10:30	10:10 - 10:25		10:45 - 12:15	12:15 - 1:15				
Monday	Registration	Guided reading	Maths	Assembly	Break	Maths	English	Lunch	Music RE	Topic Computing
Tuesday	Registration	Singing 9-9:30	Arithmetic	Maths	Break	Maths	English	Lunch	Mark arithmetic	Spelling rule Life Learning
Wednes	Registration	Spinna ker/ Prayer Leader	Guided Reading	Maths	Break	Maths	English	Lunch	French	Science
Thursday	Registration	Assembly 9-9:30	Guided Reading	Maths	Break	Maths	English	Lunch	RE Topic	Computing Music
Friday	Registration	Assembly	Spelling test	Maths	Break	Maths	English	Lunch	PE/Games	PE/Games



Subjects 1

- English- *in classes, more or less!*
 - Lots of reading
 - Lots of writing (rough and neat book)
 - Lots of SPaG
- Maths - *in groups*
 - Lots of arithmetic
 - Lots of reasoning



Subjects 2

Science

- Light and Sight
- Electricity
- Evolution and Adaptation
- Human Biology: *The Circulatory System*
- Growing Up and Moving On: *includes SRE, PSHE & RE*

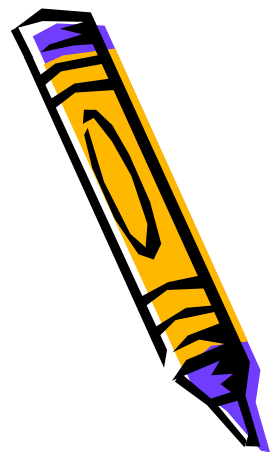
Religious Education

Christianity:

- The Holy Trinity, Jesus, Moving On
- Christmas
- Easter

Hinduism

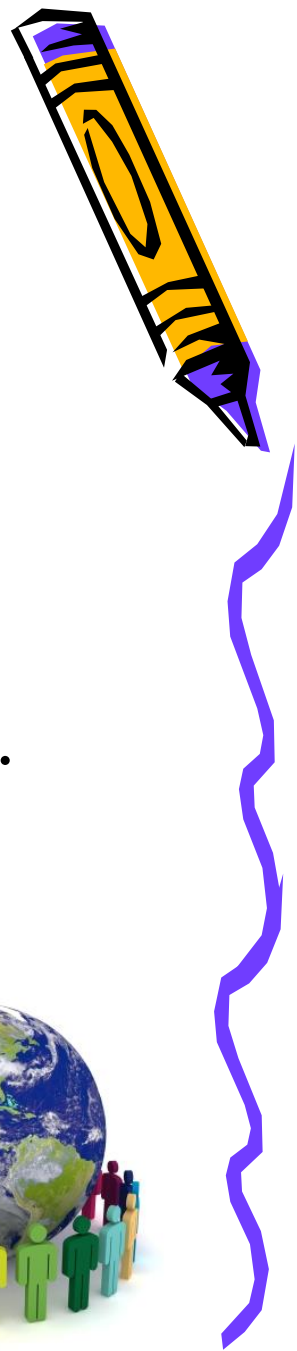
Buddhism



Subjects 3

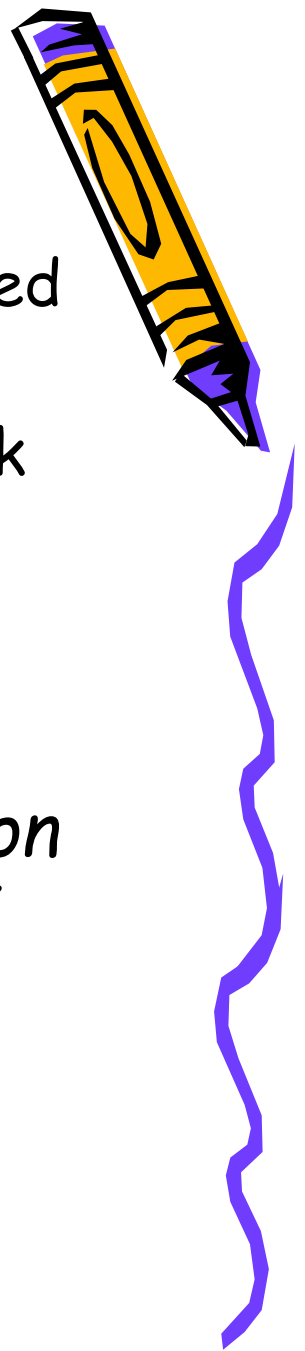
- Our main topics are...
 - Around the World mainly *Geography*
 - WW2
 - The Ancient Greeks
 - Epsom field study

We will do plenty of art and technology etc.
as part of these topics.



Homework

- Weekly homework:
 - Reading (at least four times a week and noted in learning diary)
 - Spelling: list to learn and an associated task
 - Comprehension
 - Maths
 - *If you forget/ don't complete your homework, there is a homework club on a Friday lunchtime. This is all part of preparing you for Year 7!*



Spelling Home Learning

- X1 weekly explicit spelling rule lesson will be taught prior to the quiz/test on a Friday
- That week's rule and words will be in your child's learning & tasks will be set on spelling shed to consolidate the spelling rule/pattern
- Weekly spelling tests will take place on Fridays
 - KS1 – just words (5 words + 1 unseen)
 - KS2 – dictation (Yr 3 & 4 - 7 words + 1 unseen, Yr 5 & 6 - 9 words + 1 unseen)
- Half termly blind testing of 10 (KS1) & 20 (KS2) words
- Any incorrect words to be highlighted in your child's learning diary for you to continue to practise at home
- Spellings will match each child's age-related expectation
- Knowing and applying these taught rules/patterns will help your child to achieve the expected standard in writing



SATs Week

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May
2024

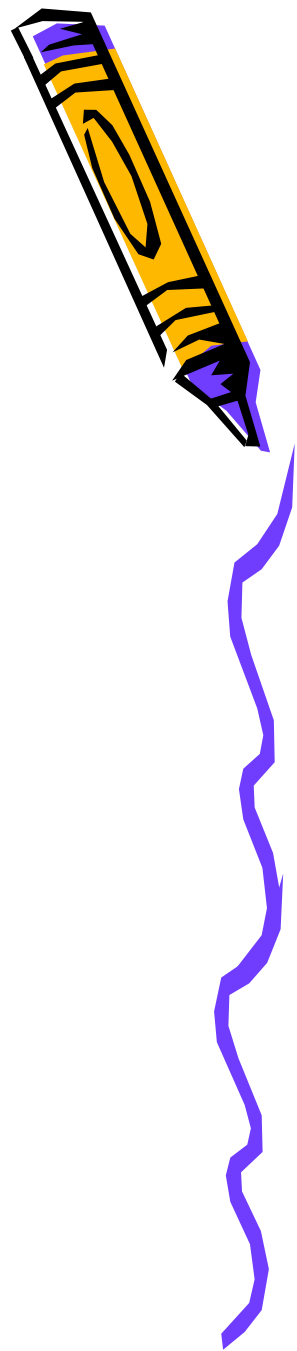


Monday 12 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 th May	English reading
Wednesday 14 th May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 th May	Mathematics paper 3



Other Events

- Y6 trip to Marchant's Hill 15th-18th October.
- Tennis lessons at the Tennis Club
- Bikeability - Learn to ride in February/ Level 2 in May/June.
- Junior Citizenship
- Leavers' Activity Day on school field
- Leavers' Play
- Leavers' Disco
- Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
- Leavers' Service at St Martin's Church



Useful links/information

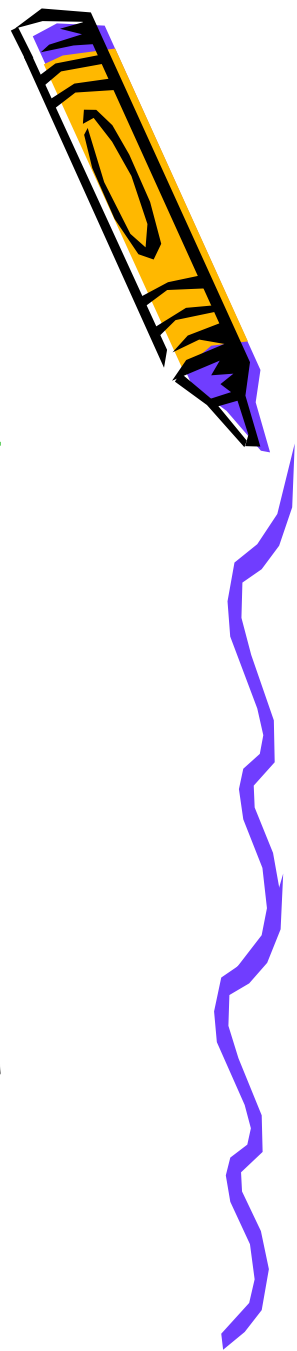
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<https://www.satspapersguide.co.uk/ks2-year-6-sats/ks2-year-6-sats-papers/> Please don't use anything newer than 2019

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Mrs Dove's parenting workshops:

- Building emotional resilience - Tuesday 24th September 3.45pm
- Fostering a positive mindset - Monday 21st October 3.45pm
- Effective, positive daily routines - Wednesday 20th November 9am



Coming in the Autumn Term....



Coffee Mornings for
Parents and Carers:

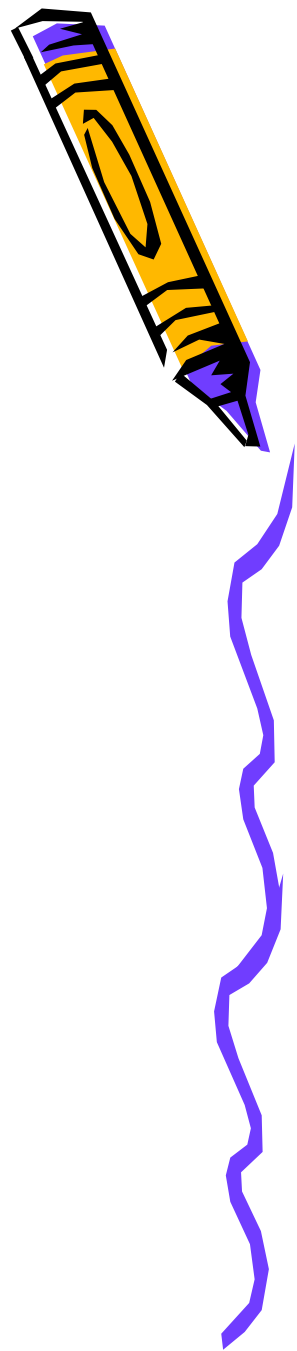
SEND

English as an Additional
Language (EAL)

Look out for
dates in the
newsletter.



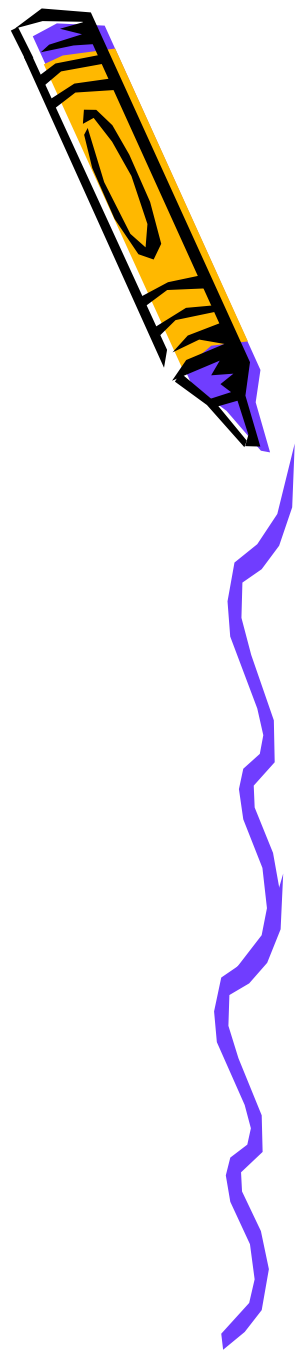
These meetings will be
an opportunity for you
to find out how best to
support your child(ren)
as we begin this new
school year.



Useful links/information

Currently, we do not have PTFA reps for Oak or Pine. Any offers would be really appreciated.

There will be a Leavers' meeting in the school hall after this meeting has finished.



Activities at Marchant's Hill this year:

Day

Giant
paddleboard
Aeroball
Abseiling
Climbing
Giant swing
Problem solving
Zip wire
Obstacle course
and more...!

Evening

Campfire
Disco
Ambush!



Kit list, dietary requirements and medical information sheets will be sent home next week.

Please note - children need to bring a pillow and sleeping bag/duvet.





We look forward to
working with you!
Questions?

