

September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term the Year Five and Six children will be completing their learning topic of 'Coast to Coast'. This will involve them learning about human and physical geographical features that can be found around a range of coastlines and the ways that they are formed. Amongst other things, the children will look at the positive and negative effects of tourism, the various stages of erosion and complete their own artwork based on the work of local artist Becky Bettsworth.

As part of this unit of learning the children will be visiting Babbacombe Downs and Oddicombe Beach. Both of these trips will take place during the school day and will not impact on lunchtimes in anyway. You will be notified by text the dates that your child will be taking part in these visits and on those days if you could send your child into school with a pair of trainers and a waterproof jacket this would be much appreciated.

Your child will still need to wear their uniform as these trips will only be for a short part of the day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to share some of our expectations for the year ahead. To help maintain high levels of expectation, we would appreciate your cooperation with the following:

Uniform and PE Kit

- Full PE kit in school at all times that is labelled. We ask that it is in a drawstring bag (no large backpacks). Earrings cannot be worn during PE lessons.
- Named Water bottle to be brought in every day.
- Please see the school uniform policy on the website for more information.

Homework

- A minimum of four reads recorded each week in your child's reading diary. Reading diaries need to be handed in every Monday morning.
- Homework to be completed weekly and handed in every Thursday morning.
- Children will be tested fortnightly on their spelling list. Please support us with this by learning them at home with your child.

Behaviour and attendance

- The children have devised a classroom charter outlining their rights and responsibilities: the children are expected to adhere to this.
- Attendance is crucial to progress: any child with attendance of less than 96% will be raised as a concern. It is imperative that your child is punctual each morning.

Thank you for your support,

The Year 5/6 Team

