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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the second half of the Spring Term. It is a very busy half-term with lots of plans (see the newsletter for full details!).

Homework will be set on a Friday and handed in the following Wednesday. I may occasionally ask children to finish off classwork for homework if they have not worked efficiently enough in class to finish the work. I may also give Year 6s some extra work to help prepare for SATS, if they ask for it or if I can see there is an area they would particularly benefit from practicing.

Thank you to those of you who are continuing to support their children with learning the weekly spellings. It is very obvious which children have been working hard on these, and which ones haven't so much (or thought they didn't need to bother!).

As well as the weekly homework tasks, please remember that even at the top end of primary school, it is very important that your child **reads daily with an adult**. This may only be for 5 or 10 minutes but the discussions these sessions generate are vitally important. Alongside reading, regular **times tables** practice is also essential – without a secure knowledge of the times tables your child will be unable to access the Year 5 and Year 6 maths curriculum. *Many thanks to those of you who are already doing all this!*

PE is on a Monday and Friday and children will need to bring full PE kit to school **including trainers**. They should keep their kit in school at all times. We are still having a few children turning up with incomplete PE kit. We are also having a growing trend of children informing me that they are unfit to take part in PE (without any sort of confirmation from their parents or other evidence to back up their claim), so this coming term, unless I hear from parents, I shall assume children are fit to take part.

My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) continues to take place on Wednesday mornings, with Miss Bragg covering the class until 11am. She will be teaching maths (shape) during my PPA but is also going to be teaching the class RE and Geography on Tuesday afternoons while I do small-group interventions to help with SATS preparation.

Please take a look at the class website which is full of useful interactive resources to practice maths, spelling and reading, as well as a link to our class films and a list of book recommendations: <http://cliffordyear56.my-free.website/>

We had a very productive start to the term and I hope to keep up this momentum! Attendance so far is considerably better than last year, so thank you for your support with this.

A few highlights from the first half of term:



Figure 1: wink murder

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Figure 2: making lily pads in science

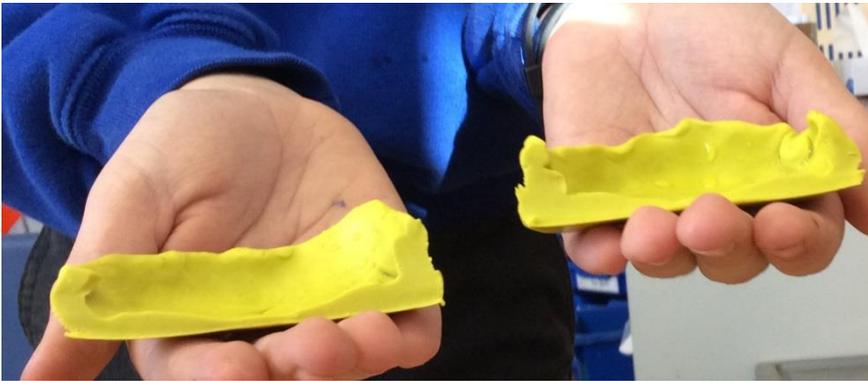


Figure 3: investigating buoyancy of different shaped 'boats'

I have enclosed a topic web outlining the subjects and topics we will be studying this term. Please email me (ecollingwood@clifford.hereford.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who helped out last term and the many different ways you have shown your support. If anybody can spare a bit of time (even half an hour) on a regular basis to listen to readers we would be extremely grateful.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Collingwood