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6TM AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Welcome to the new school year at Queensgate. I hope your child is excited and enthusiastic to be back at school and have enjoyed their first week in year 6. I have been very pleased with how well the class has settled over the last week and I look forward to teaching them this year.

Teaching Assistants

The teaching assistants for 6TM will be Mrs Webb, Mrs Wiper and Mr Gwilliam.

Topic

Our first topic of the year is 'Rainforest Explorers and Adventure'. The children will be studying various aspects of rainforests including learning about the location and structure of rainforests, why they are important, and learning about the lives of people living in these areas and the challenges they face. This topic will link heavily with Art/DT and ICT and will also form part of our literacy lessons. The children will be encouraged to develop the mental skills required by explorers such as problem solving, resilience and logical thinking as well as some practical skills such as den making and model raft/canoe making. As part of this work, we will be based at East Cowes seafront on Tuesday 26th September for the day (a text will be sent out about this).

PE Lessons

We will have PE lessons on Wednesday and Thursday. Hopefully these lessons will be outside unless the weather is very bad. Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. As the weather gets cooler, they are allowed to wear a tracksuit. Our main focus for this half term is improving our general fitness, developing our skills of agility, balance and co-ordination and learning to play competitive tag rugby games.

Other events

This half term we will be welcoming the author, Peter Murray to work with the year 6 children. We will also be hosting a Sports for Champions event.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and needs to be completed by Friday. Your child should be spending 20-30 minutes a week on their English task and 20-30 minutes a week on their maths tasks. They should also be spending time working on their timetables and/or on prodigy. Your child should also be reading each day (they also have access to a website which is a game-based reading program).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelmores, Mrs Webb, Mrs Wiper, Mr Gwilliam