



Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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6LR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at Queensgate. I hope your child is excited and enthusiastic to be back at school. 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 Assistant

The teaching assistants for 6LR will be Mrs A. Jones and Mrs Kingsbury (in the afternoon). Mrs Jones will also be leading our PSHE work this term during our PPA time on a Wednesday afternoon.

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 a large part of our literacy lessons where the children will produce their own books related to different aspects of the rainforest and adventures. 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 Wednesday 15th September for the day (a text will be sent out about this).

PE Lessons

We will have PE lessons on a Monday and a Wednesday. 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, the children can wear a tracksuit. Our main focus for this half term is improving our general fitness and learning to play competitive tag rugby games.

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, which is online. Your child should also be reading each day (they have access to a website, which is a game based reading program).

Yours sincerely,

Miss Radcliffe, Mrs Jones and Mrs Kingsbury.

Working together for a successful future