

## Summer Term 2022 – Year 5/6

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome Back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break and you are looking forward to the final term.

This term's topic for Year 5 and 6 is '**Benin**', through which we will learn about the history of the place and its culture. We plan to visit the Pitt Rivers as part of this topic to look at specific historical artefacts which come from the country. A separate letter will be issued with more detail as we get closer to the visit. We also have a lot of end of year events and celebrations taking place, including Sports Day and a fun end of year play!

We will be studying habitats and evolution in Science and looking at how animals can adapt to survive. For geography, we will be studying African countries and understanding the physical and human characteristics of these along with locating countries and cities. In English our focus will be persuasive and explanatory writing and we will be using the Children of the Benin Kingdom book (by Dinah Orji) as a writing stimulus. Please feel free to purchase the book if your child would like to read along with us. Drumming and sports lessons will continue to take place on Friday afternoons.

Please remember PE days are **Tuesdays and Fridays**. There might be occasions over the coming term though where children might require PE kits or trainers on other days, particularly as we get closer to Sports Day and practise more. Homework goes home each Tuesday and needs to be handed in on the specific day for your child's class. Please make sure your child is reading at home as much as possible and that they fill in their reading diaries each time.

We would like to remind you that children should be in school uniform each day, except on PE days. School uniform includes plain navy blue, black or grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses. A white or navy shirt or polo shirt and a navy blue cardigan or jumper.

Finally, the children in Year 6 will be completing their end of KS2 SATs in May. Should you have any questions or concerns about this, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are extremely proud of their learning attitudes and how hard they have worked all year. They will then be able to spend time enjoying their last weeks at William Fletcher before preparing for the move to secondary school.

Best Wishes

Mr Austin, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Buchanan.



