



Heather Primary School
Pioneers November 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers,

During Parents' evening, several parents asked about the expectations in Literacy, Maths and Writing, that children in Year 6 have to achieve by the end of the year. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of these expectations for your information. If you have questions or queries about this, then please let me know.

Reading

The children should now be finishing their guided reading book and completing their book review for the 30th November. This should then give them time to read their home reader, which I know some haven't read due to focusing on their guided reading book. I know most of the children are reading regularly at home, they need to in order to be able to complete their guided reading tasks in school. Having said this, lots of children's reading diaries are pretty empty. They need to write in there each time they read - whether this is their home or guided reader, even if they have read to themselves rather than read out aloud. I have reminded them that it is their responsibility to fill their diary in - this is good preparation for high school. However, they do still need to read aloud to an adult at least once a week. Not only is this good for fluency, but it also gives you a chance to talk to them about what they have read and if they understand all of the words that the author has used. The children will be getting new guided reading books sometime in December.

Pens

As you know, when children are given their pen licence they are given a Stabilo - Easy Original pen from school. If the children misplace these pens, the pen needs to be replaced with either one of the aforementioned pens of a Berol type handwriting pen or a cartridge/fountain pen that uses blue ink. Children are not to use biros to write in their school exercise books.

PE

It is getting chilly outside for PE so trackie bottoms, tops and trainers (rather than pumps) are a good idea.

Growing Up!

All of the children in Pioneers are pretty active at playtimes and lunch times and I think hormones for some are beginning to kick in! Occasionally, usually in the afternoon, there is a lingering 'fruity' aroma in the classroom! It may well be worth having a chat at home about the importance of changing tops regularly and the importance of regular washing of themselves and their clothes! I'm sure I don't need to go into details! We will be chatting about this in school too!

Thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

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