



Kea Community Primary School

6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. I am writing to welcome you and your child to Year Three and the start of the next stage in their school journey as they enter the world of Key Stage 2. Our topic, as many of you already know, is *The Victorians* and already the children are showing how keen and interested they are through the questions they are asking and their enthusiasm. You can see a lot of their questions on display in the classroom and I am very much looking forward to answering some of these as the term progresses.

Our key purpose in the early part of the year is to encourage independence in the children. We will talk a lot about taking responsibility for your own learning and how to develop a growth mindset. Of course we will support the children as they get to grips with new routines and expectations and of course, (and this is the big one) the lack of afternoon playtime!

There is, however, a lot for them to look forward to such as a trip to Lanhydrock House to investigate how rich Victorian children lived. We will also be taking part in the junior harvest festival and I know that most children are looking forward to our first trip to the swimming pool next week.

I am providing a copy of the half term plan which will give information on what is to be covered in each subject over the next six weeks. You will also be able to see from the homework sent home what we are covering, as this will provide the children with valuable practice which you can help them with at home.

Some children find homework a difficult habit to get into, so please come in and see me if it causes any issues and we can work on a plan together. Homework is set on a Friday and needs to be in by the following Wednesday, although I am very happy to have it in as soon as it is done. You will find instructions stuck into the book, but again, please come and tell me if your child doesn't understand.

Here are some useful reminders:

- Wednesday – children require PE kit
- Wednesday – homework needs to be in
- Thursday – children require swimming kit (or PE kit in the summer term)
- Thursday – is library book changing day

I look forward to meeting you at our welcome meeting on Monday 9th September. Please feel free to come and chat at any time if your child is having difficulties. I look forward to seeing you again at our pupil/parent workshop on Monday 16th September.

Thank you for your support,

Clare Green