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Dear Parents/Carers,

We, Mrs Webb and Mrs Dickinson, would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5/6. We have put together a letter to provide information about this academic year to help support you and your child.

In Year 5 and 6 there are many things that will remain similar to previous years; however, some of the differences are outlined in this letter:

**Curriculum**

The teaching of the Year 5/6 curriculum will be taught predominantly by Mrs Webb. In a morning the children will be taught Literacy, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG), guided reading, Maths and science. Whilst in the afternoons the children will experience the remainder of the curriculum; including our topic areas which will continue to make links across all areas where possible, incorporating relevant aspects of Literacy and Maths as appropriate. The topic we will be exploring in the first half term is 'Dinosaurs and Fossils/Evolution and Inheritance'. Please see the attached topic web with an outline of key areas. We have already acted as palaeontologists and are very excited about forthcoming events, including a visit from 'Dinostars' early in October!

Mrs Webb will be released on certain afternoons for her PPA/Leadership time. Lessons will be covered by Mrs Denham (Computing), Mr Goodwin (PE) and a range of activities during 'carousel' sessions.

**Homework**

From September the weekly spelling and multiplication tables tests (which form part of the homework activities) will be set on Friday and tested one week later. Additional homework will be set as required (Tuesdays), up to a maximum of three tasks per week. We ask for all homework to be completed to the best of your child's ability, but as they will have sufficient time to complete the tasks, there are opportunities to speak to the class teacher if there are any issues. Homework and spellings will be recorded in their Accelerated Reading Record/planner so this must be in school every day. The planner will be collected in, signed and handed back on a Friday each week by your child's class teacher. Homework plays an important role in consolidating and extending work covered in class, as well as improving your child's progress and achievement.



## **Progress & Achievement**

There will be opportunities to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress throughout the year. We will inform you of the exact dates in future letters. In addition, there will be a Year 6 curriculum meeting early in the Spring term (this will focus specifically on the Key Stage 2 SAT's - more details will be sent nearer the time). However, if you have any concerns about your child at any time, please do not hesitate in making an appointment.

## **School Uniform**

At Luddendenfoot Academy we are proud of how smart our children look. Please support us in maintaining these standards by sending your child in the correct school uniform. Low heeled black or dark coloured shoes should be worn, not trainers and black, grey or white socks/tights. In addition, for your child's safety, we request that no jewellery should be worn in school, with the exception of discrete stud earrings. Children will have P.E. twice a week (once whilst children are taking swimming sessions) and will require a full P.E kit (gold top, green shorts, socks, pumps or trainers – tracksuits and a fleece can be worn in Winter). PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Please can we ask for all items of clothing to be clearly named.

Children in Year 5/6 will be swimming on Friday afternoons throughout the Autumn term. Lessons will commence on Friday 11th September. Please see the swimming letter for further information.

## **Events**

The statutory end of key stage national curriculum tests (SATS) are currently set to take place w/c 9th May 2016. **Please do not book holidays or appointments for this time.** The Year 5 & 6 concert will be taking place w/c 11th July 2015, with dress rehearsals and evening performances during the middle of the week.

More details regarding our residential this year will be confirmed shortly.

This is a very important year socially, emotionally and academically for your child. It is one which we are really looking forward to and, with your support, one which will no doubt be very enjoyable and successful for all.

**Yours sincerely,**

Mrs C Webb

Deputy Head of School  
Year 5/6