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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. This is a brief introductory letter to give you some information about Year 6 and let you know about the variety of activities planned over the next academic year.

We have 27 children in the class. Our teaching assistants this year will be Mrs Peedle (Monday - Wednesday), Mrs Smith (Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Bushnell (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings). Mrs Browne and Mrs Bradbrook will be teaching my class whilst I have my PPA on a Thursday afternoon.

This year we are starting our topic work with the Britain since the 1930's, with our main focus being World War II. Later on in the year we will be learning about the Ancient Maya and the UK. We also have many other exciting cross-curricular activities planned for Year 6 including hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning, making Harvest cards for member of the community, the Enterprise project and the most thrilling of them all, our residential to PGL Liddington.

This term our PE time will be on a Monday afternoon. Children need to bring their PE kit to school on this day including trainers. Please can long hair be tied back and all jewellery, including earrings, taken off. Currently, our second PE slot is covered by our swimming sessions on Friday morning

The draft Long Term plan for Year 6 2022-2023 is on the Year 6 Thames Class area of the school website and be accessed via this link:

https://appleton.oxon.sch.uk/uploads/9/5/4/0/95408552/year_6_draft_curriculum_plan_2022_-_2023.pdf

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in on a Thursday. Each week I will go through the homework before I set it and ensure that the children understand what they need to do. However, I will also be putting the homework onto Google Classroom in case they arrive home and you find that they are unsure about the work they must do. Year 6 homework will include practising our weekly spellings via Spelling Shed and mathematical fluency practise via either Times Tables Rock Stars and Maths Shed. There may be occasions when you think spellings are too easy but sometimes children

learn words for a test that they continue to mis-spell in their written work. Occasionally I will set a short task related to what we are working on in class or something that is coming up.

I will not usually set specific reading homework but I do expect all children to read at home every day for at least 20 minutes, whether it is a book or a newspaper and for it to be recorded in their reading record even if they have read independently.

As you may be aware, in the summer term children in Year 6 will take part in statutory assessments called Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). I will be doing many different things throughout the year to prepare the children for these test. The Year 6 children will sit tests in:

- Reading - The reading test will be a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar - The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and a spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.
- Maths - Children will sit three papers in maths: Paper 1: arithmetic, 30 minutes, Papers 2 and 3: reasoning, 40 minutes per paper. The children are not allowed to use a calculator in these tests.

Throughout the year we will be continuing our focus on developing a Growth Mindset through the use of our animal attitudes: Fearless Fox, Bounce-back Bunny, Must-do Mole, Bold Badger, Steadfast Squirrel and Mindful Magpie. Developing their Risk-taking, Elasticity, Commitment, Initiative, Perseverance and Empathy is a RECIPE for helping children to become proactive, lifelong learners, and children who show these attitudes will be celebrated on our Growth Mindset display and in Collective Worship across the school.

Please do contact me and see me if you have any comments or questions.

Best wishes,

Lucy Sutton