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Welcome to Year 6

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a lovely summer. We're delighted your children have settled really well and made an excellent start to the new school year. This letter outlines our expectations in Year 6 and includes key information about weekly routines and procedures. An overview of the curriculum themes for the year is attached.

Independence

In upper KS2 we expect your child to become more independent in preparation for the transition to secondary school. Some of the ways we expect them to do this are: packing their own bag for school, completing their own reading record, completing Home Learning without prompting from adults along with organising their own time outside of school to complete all these activities. Children will have all the support and resources they need but they will be expected to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour at all times.

PE

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school with them every day from Monday until Friday. In Year 6 we expect children to dress and undress themselves silently and quickly for PE lessons.

Home Learning

Home Learning is an important element of the partnership between teachers and parents in Year 6 as it supports learning in school, prepares them for examinations and ensures your child is ready for the transition to secondary school.

In the Autumn Term, Home Learning will include:

Maths	Reading	Spelling
<p>Doodle Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily (5mins for a 7 day streak) An extra task set on a Friday by the teacher. <p>Doodle Tables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used at least 3 times a week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least four times a week, recorded in planners. Planners should be signed by a parent or guardian weekly. Planners will be checked weekly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be checked and new spellings sent home on Fridays. Children should practise spellings using the recommended spelling activities.

In the Autumn term we will introduce some Home Learning in addition to Doodle Maths, Doodle Tables, reading and spelling practice. By the Spring Term your child will have a Home Learning book for Maths, Reading and English (GPS). Your child will know which pages to complete each week. They will record this information in their planners. This Home Learning will be due in on Wednesdays.

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Home Reading

We expect Year 6 children to read at least 4 times a week at home, at least one of these reading sessions should be to an adult. Your child should record the book they have read, the pages and a short summary sentence in their planner. There is an example of how this should look on 'Monday 2nd September' in their planner. We ask that planners are signed by a parent or carer at the end of the week. The following week your child's class teacher will sign the planner and check for reading entries, insufficient reading entries may result in reading at break times.

Spelling

We conduct weekly checks of spelling on Fridays, in the form of dictation. Research shows that using and applying newly learnt words in sentences is more effective than rote learning a list of words for recall in a test. Every Friday your child will receive new spellings to learn at home. Please use some of the spelling activities to help your child to learn and retain their spellings. A copy of the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 spelling lists can be found at the back of your child's planner.

Additional Information

Pens will be issued when appropriate once children reach the KS2 expectations for handwriting which includes having **all letters joined**. The expectations are high and must be maintained in order to keep the pen.

If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please inform school so that we have permission to release them at the end of the day. This only needs to be done once. (Permission letter to follow shortly).

Healthy Living

If your child brings a packed lunch, please could you not include too many treats. We do not allow sweets or fizzy drinks in school.

Allergen information - we are a nut free school and we have children who are anaphylactic so please be considerate of this at all times.

Keep in touch

Please use Class Dojo for quick messages. Email the school office for all other queries, concerns etc. If you would like a face to face meeting in addition to Parents Evening, please make an appointment with the office.

We are very keen to hear if you feel things are going well, or if you have any concerns that we can address. Most concerns, if addressed quickly, can be sorted out informally so please do try to talk things through with your child's class teacher. If you feel it would be more helpful to raise concerns with a leader in school, please speak to the Year 5/6 Phase Leader, Miss Johnston, in the first instance.

There are several ways you can give your time in school to help out. We invite you to speak to your child's class teacher as to how you can get involved. We always welcome help so please offer your time if you can.

We look forward to an exciting, hardworking year with your children.

Kind regards,

The Year 5/6 team