

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents,

After a relaxing summer we are back to school and ready for our Year 6 school journey. We are at the beginning of what will be a very busy, very challenging and very rewarding *final year*.

Welcome to year 6!

This letter outlines the areas of study to be covered by the class during this term:

**English:**

The focus is upon the reading and writing of different genres of fiction, focussing on contemporary and classic fiction works. Imagery, power and stylistic features in poetry will also be explored, with an emphasis on developing the children's speaking and listening skills. We will also be learning a poem each half term to give the children a chance to use their oracy skills in performance. Even in Year 6 it is crucially important that children **read to an adult** regularly and learn spellings, both from their own work and from class words. Reading helps improve writing.

To support children's creative thinking, we would like each child to start a creative writing journal. Please could the children bring in a notebook from home that can be used as their journal.

**Maths:**

We shall be covering the full range of areas that your child has studied, and will be extending into algebraic functions, accurate mathematical drawing and working on using and applying a range of strategies to solve more advanced mathematical problems. The start of this year will have a calculation focus, using formal written (column) methods and long and short division. The children will be calculating and managing large numbers – tens of millions and beyond – as well as working with a range of decimal and mixed values.

**Science:**

We are studying science during one-week blocks, each half term. We will cover Living things and their habitats and animal classification this term. The children will be participating in Fab Science to support and deepen their understanding.

**IPC:**

World at War – an in-depth look at WW2 and its global effects. This is a fantastic topic and one that really engages the children. Our termly trip will be linked to this topic.

**Swimming:**

Children in 6P will be swimming every Monday afternoon until February half-term. They will need: a one-piece swimming costume (girls), trunks - not loose Bermuda style (boys), swimming hat (available at school office £1.50), towel, £1 coin for the lockers.

**Sports clothing:**

PE kit should be in school every day. For PE all children wear plain or navy shorts and white or navy T-shirts. 'Beachwear' is inappropriate and not acceptable. For outdoor PE- and we are outdoors a lot - all children should have tracksuits or sweaters for when the weather turns colder in addition to their trainers - rain won't stop us! Even though we swim in the first half of the year, it is important that your children has PE kit at school.

**Homework:**

The children regularly receive homework on a weekly (and sometimes daily) basis. In year 6 your child's homework is vital to the extension and development of their class work. It represents a valuable opportunity for me to assess where each child is and enables me to pitch future lessons at the right level. It is also important for them to get used to managing homework, in preparation for their new life in Secondary School next September! In addition, there will be a half-termly list of spellings to take home and learn. All homework is compulsory.

**Outdoor Learning Focus:**

The children may be playing or learning outside regularly. All children must therefore wear school shoes and have a waterproof outdoor coat in school.

As last year, we are lucky enough to have an additional teacher (Mrs Reid) working alongside myself and Mr Harraway during Maths and English sessions. This will give children the additional support needed to ensure they reach their full potential.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me at any time, Year 6 is a demanding, but very rewarding year. It is a real privilege to be a part of it and I look forward to the adventure ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pearl (Class teacher)