

Spring 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable and exciting Christmas holiday and are ready to continue the hard work in year 6. Here is the key information for this half term.

### English

During our English lessons this half term, there will be will a focus on story writing and debating skills, identifying between fact and opinion. We will also continue to develop our understanding of grammar in preparation for the SATs tests.



In class we will be reading 'Oliver Twist' and will be developing the children's understanding of comprehension.

We would encourage your child to continue reading every evening, discussing texts with an adult (see homework below).

### Maths

In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of the key areas in mathematics including measures, number knowledge and arithmetic. We will be starting the term by looking at fractions and how they relate to decimals and percentages. We would encourage the children to use their SATs revision books at home to reinforce their learning in class.

### Science

In Science, we will continue to focus on our topic 'Humans including animals'. The skill of Science Investigation will be taught throughout this topic and children will be expected to plan and carry out their own investigations independently.

### P.E.

P.E. sessions this term may take place indoors or outdoors. Although we have timetabled sessions, these can change due to weather or other circumstances, therefore it is important that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day. This should include a white T-shirt, blue shorts, pumps and trainers. During colder weather, you may wish to provide your child with tracksuit bottoms and a top.

### Homework

**Homework will be set every week** for English and Maths; some of this will be completed online. If your child has any concerns about the homework, it is important that they see us about it before it is due in. At least one of the Year 6 teachers will be available at lunchtime should any children require support or guidance with their homework. If there are any issues where children do not have access to a computer, please contact a member of the year 6 team.

This term, reading homework will be completed online via the ActiveLearn website. All children have usernames and passwords for this website. Maths homework will focus on arithmetic skills and number problems. Grammar and spelling homework will continue to be completed in their revision books/sheets.

Homework now has to be handed in on Tuesday (not Wednesday any more). **It is crucial they complete this homework and hand it in on time.**

British values

British Values are taught through various subjects in the school curriculum and year 6 will be covering the values of tolerance and respect.

SATs

Year 6 SATs tests will take place the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The children will have plenty of practise during mock SATs weeks throughout the year.

**Dates for the diary**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Parents' evening

We would like to thank you for all of your support and wish you a very happy new year! If you have any questions or concerns about Year 6 please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year 6 team.

Yours sincerely

The Year 6 Team

