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YEAR 6 INFORMATION LETTER

Welcome to Year 6, I hope you had a good summer. This is the start of a very important year for your child as they prepare to move on to secondary school. Year 6 have lots of exciting activities to look forward to as a class and as a cohort.

In the following paragraphs, you will find details of the topics and homework for this term so that you can support your child, especially in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.

Homework will be given out on **Mondays** and needs to be returned completed by the following **Monday**. Homework can be handed in earlier if it has been completed.

There will normally be 2 to 4 pieces of homework each week. Sometimes there could be a longer or extended piece of work which could be equivalent to 2 pieces of work. Guide times will sometimes be included on the weekly homework letter. Children will be expected to spend 1 hour and 30 minutes on their homework each week. Children may also have homework that focusses more on revision.

Some activities will be able to be completed on a computer. If your child completes a task on the computer, it can be emailed to the class email address that will be given out at a later date.

Reading

Your child should be reading a variety of texts on a regular basis and, as part of their homework, they will have reading or reading related activities. Please encourage your child to read from a variety of materials including fiction and non-fiction, newspapers, leaflets etc. - Year 6 receives a class copy of First News, which is a children's weekly newspaper. Discussing texts with your child is a very valuable activity including asking questions.

Spellings

Spelling words will be sent home regularly and will often have a relevant activity for the children to complete. The children need to learn the words and then spell and use them correctly in their writing. It is important that children can apply their spelling knowledge to their written work. Children need to know all the common exception words for Year 3 and 4 and these are included with this letter, common exception words for Year 5 and 6 will be included in weekly spelling lists.

Times Tables and Mental Maths

It is very important that your child knows all the multiplication and division tables up to 12x12. They need to be able to recall them quickly and accurately and apply them to their work. They need to be able to apply this knowledge to related questions e.g. if they know 5x6, this will help them when finding 0.5x6, 50x6, 5x60 etc. As a school, we are continuing to focus on children's mental maths and arithmetic skills. See the Maths sheet for ideas to support your child in their learning.

Topics

The topics in the various subjects will include:

RE	<i>See sheet.</i>
English	Reading and identifying different fiction genres, story writing, e.g. how to plan and write different parts of a good story, looking at the plot, developing characters and settings in a story. Autobiographies and Biographies and Recount Writing. Reading and writing poetry and looking at the language used to create images. Children will also apply their writing skills to other areas of the curriculum.
Maths	We are teaching a mastery approach throughout the school. This term children will be learning about place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and position and direction in geometry. All children must ensure they know their times tables up to 12 x 12.
Science	Properties and changes of materials: This is a double topic that lasts the whole term. The children will be learning about dissolving, chemical reactions and separation. They will also develop their Science Investigation skills.
Computing	Internet Safety and Spreadsheets: Children will aim to understand different types of Spreadsheet software, the benefits of Spreadsheets and how they can be used for different purposes.
Humanities	Our History topic is focused on World War 2 and especially interrogating evidence. In November we will briefly look at World War 1 when we look at Remembrance Sunday. In Geography we will look at mapping and map skills and relative positions of countries.
Art	Drawing Focus – looking at the work of Banksy.
DT	Constructing a framework as a shelter – focus on combining materials to create a shelter
PE	Children should have their trainers and full PE kit in every day. Areas covered this term will be Athletics, Gym, Dance, Netball and Football. Our initial focus is football and netball in preparation for a tournament at St Michael's School in October.

Mrs Juric and Mrs Diaz will also be part of the Year 6 team.

I look forward to developing the partnership with you throughout the year.

Mr P Longman