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YEAR 6 INFORMATION LETTER

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and thank you again for all of the Christmas cards and very generous gifts.

This letter will give you details of the topics and homework for this term, so that you can support your child.

This is a very busy and exciting term for the children. We have our residential trip where we will visit Manor Adventure from 12th - 16th March. There is a parent information session for the residential trip on Wednesday 24th January. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm in the Year 5/6 classroom.

This term as preparation for secondary school, Year 6 homework will be handed out on a daily basis. They will have a short activity to complete each night, which needs to be returned completed the following day. In the past, Year 6 children have used some lunchtimes to get some of their work completed. Children will also have spelling words to learn and reading activities.

Reading

Your child should be reading a variety of texts on a regular basis so please continue to encourage them to read a wide selection including fiction and non-fiction, newspapers and leaflets etc. Each week there will be reading or reading related activities for your child to complete. Discussing the text with your child is very valuable including asking questions, likes and dislikes, identifying features of the characters, setting and plot.

Spellings

Spelling words will be sent home each week and these should be learned so that the words can be used and applied in a variety of situations. The children need to be able to use them correctly in their writing. Regularly practising the spellings for 5 or 10 minutes a day is more beneficial than once a week. This term the children have been given an extended list of words which they must know. Part of the new assessment criteria is that children are expected to know a variety of words and therefore they need to ensure that the words are in their long term memory which involves overlearning.

Multiplication Tables

It is important that your child has a solid grasp of the multiplication tables up to the 12 times table. They need to be able to recall the answer to questions very quickly and accurately. Please encourage your child to practice their tables regularly – chanting them is very effective – and ask them relevant questions especially in the form of a problem. In class children will have times tables activities that are timed or against the clock.

Personal and Social Health Education

As the children are getting older, we encourage them to take greater responsibility for themselves, including ensuring that their uniforms, shoes, PE Kits and bodies are clean. This may mean daily showers or baths and using deodorant, if necessary. Some children may therefore need to bring their PE kit home more regularly for it to be washed.

Year 6

The Year 6 children will have more **revision style** activities this term and there will be a greater emphasis on them being more independent learners and taking a greater responsibility for their own learning as this is good preparation for secondary school.

SATs week will take place week beginning 14th May 2018 – a more detailed timetable will be sent home nearer the time.

Topics

In English and Maths the children follow the new curriculum for Maths and English, the homework will usually reflect and reinforce the topics that have been covered in the previous few weeks. The topics in the various subjects will include:

- RE** See information sheet on the school website
- English** This will include: reading and interpreting a variety of texts including reading *A Place Called Perfect* as a class text; writing non-chronological reports; constructing balanced arguments including participating in a class debate; and identifying and using formal and informal language. As part of our narrative work, each child will write a 500 word story which be entered into the BBC Radio 2 500 Words Story Competition. There will also be a focus on different aspects of grammar
- Maths** This will include: solving word problems; using mathematical language and reasoning to explain how they have solved a problem; fractions, decimals and percentages; measurement; algebra; ratio; geometry and statistics. Mental computation skills are very important and all children need to ensure that they know and can recall their times tables up to 12×12 including the division tables, and be able to apply these to mental and written questions.
- Science** The topics for this term include Balanced Forces and Scientists and Inventors.
- Computing** Film-Making - Children will explore various aspects of film-making. In doing so, they must choose and use appropriate software in order to complete tasks such as writing a script, researching information, filming and editing. Students will work through pre- and post-production stages, planning interviews for a documentary and completing the process with use of video editing software.
- Humanities** Our Geography topic is Coasts and our History topic is Rebuilding Britain
- ART/DT** Our Art topic is drawing with a focus on The Seaside. In D&T we will be studying and creating free standing structures.
- PE** This will include Gymnastics and Games.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Longman