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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas and you are all ready for the term ahead of us.

### **Year 6**

In the Spring Term, Year 6 will be completing work based around our new and exciting books 'Skellig' and 'Holes'. During our writing lessons, we will look at the poem 'Owl' by Pie Corbett to improve our descriptions using figurative language. We will then use this in our own meeting tales about a main character who meets an unfamiliar creature who goes on to save him. Within our Book Club lessons, the children will continue to read a variety of texts, which include fiction, non-fiction, poetry and play scripts. This term, we will focus on challenging inference and PEE questions to improve the depth and explanation of our comprehension responses. In maths, the children will start by focusing on algebra and then will move onto looking at measure, ratio and shape. The children will learn how to find algebraic rules and use these to solve problems and then they will move onto converting between metric and imperial measures. Within our art unit, we will move onto painting techniques - looking closely at George Surat and his use of pointillism. The children will analyse and evaluate Surat's artwork so they can gain an understanding of how he uses pointillism to create different shapes and moods. To start our Science units off, we explore how circuits work by creating and drawing our own using the correct symbols. Year 6 have an exciting term ahead before their SATS. We can't for the children to show their resilience and positive attitudes throughout this term both academically and physically.

### **PE**

The children will have weekly PE sessions which will be on a Friday afternoon. The children will need to bring their PE kit in every Friday for them to change into after lunchtime. We are very fortunate that we have a lot of sports specialists working with us again this term so it is important your child has the correct kit so that they can take part.

Please can you ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing depending on the weather. All children will need to wear school kit or similar, with no branded logos or teams. This could be a warm jumper, long trousers or some black/navy shorts and a pair of trainers. Remember the children will not need a PE t-shirt as they are in houses and should have a coloured PE top to match their house. If your child has misplaced their house t-shirt, then these can be purchased on the School Money app.

### **Named clothing, sandshoes and lockers**

A polite reminder: As the children are in Year 6, they are responsible for looking after their own possessions and clothing. Please ensure you write your child's name into all items as it makes it easier to return any lost items.

The children are still expected to change into sandshoes when they come into the classroom so they will need their own pair labelled with their name. The children still have their own locker to keep their shoes and other belongings in.

### **Homework**

Times tables: Learning times tables is very important as it helps with every aspect of maths and as your child is in Year 6 they will take part in SATs near the end of the academic year which include multiplication questions. Therefore, practising times tables at home would benefit your child hugely. Your child needs to practise their times tables TT Rockstars each week. Logins for this have already been given to your child but if you ever need a new copy please ask.

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Reading: Children should be reading at home at least three times a week. Reading books will be checked and changed every Friday to ensure that children are practising their reading. If your child does not read three times a week at home, they will be catching up with this during their Friday break time. Alternatively, if your child does read at least three times a week then they will receive a reward each half term.

Revision Guides: This term the children will be issued with a variety of revision guides to aid them with their SATs. These do not have to be brought into school for teachers to check their answers but we strongly advise that the children complete small amounts of them and often.

**Timetable**

	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Lesson 3</b>		<b>Lesson 5</b>	<b>Lesson 6</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Maths	Writing	Book Club	Handwriting/ SPaG	Afternoon Topic	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Maths	Writing	Book Club	Handwriting/ SPaG	Afternoon Topic	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Maths	Writing	Book Club	Handwriting/ SPaG	Afternoon Topic	
<b>Thursday</b>	Maths	Writing	Book Club	Handwriting/ SPaG	Afternoon Topic	
<b>Friday</b>	Maths	Writing	Book Club	Handwriting/ SPaG	PE	

Many thanks,

Miss Robinson & Mrs Goucher