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Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Christmas break and feel refreshed and raring to go in 2025!

Year 6

In the Spring Term, Year 6 will be completing work based around a fantastic and engaging book called 'Skellig'. During our writing lessons, we will be creating story maps, exploring the features of what a good meeting tale includes, and creating developing our skills around this text type. We will also be looking at the poem 'Owl' by Pie Corbett to further develop our knowledge of how to include ambitious and engaging vocabulary and effective language. Following this we will then take this knowledge to create our own, independent 'meeting tale' based on Skellig but with an independent twist. Within our Book Club lessons, the children will continue to read a variety of texts, which include fiction, non-fiction, poetry and play scripts. We will look at a different text each week and we will practise our comprehension of these texts by focusing on how to answer inference and PEE questions using evidence from the text to support our answers. In maths, the children will start continuing where we left off in Autumn term with algebra. We will then move onto looking at units of measurement, as well as area and perimeter of shapes. Following this will be measuring volume, and then finally ration and measuring angles. In PSHE, the children will learn about what dreams and goals are, looking at ways we could make the world a better place, before reflecting on our own ambitions both in and out of school life. Art this term focuses on Pointillism, a painting technique which involves using precise, accurate technique to create a picture using dot work and a range of colours. This builds on their prior knowledge of painting in Year 5 where they focused on harmonious and complimentary colours, but this time with the added challenge of utilising this knowledge with a different painting technique. The children will then use their drawing skills to draw different facial expressions and movements to show different moods. DT will continue where we left off in Autumn term with a food focus, but this time the children will be baking bread using a range of ingredients to enhance flavour, before adding a topping of their choice. Once again whilst doing this we consider the health benefits to our choices and the nutritional values of the meals we create. As always this term is shaping up to be a really fun and engaging one, and we have no doubt that the children will learn from and take real life lessons away from the work that we do in the coming months.

PE

The children will have two PE sessions a week and they will be on a **Tuesday** afternoon. The children will need to bring their PE kit in every Tuesday for them to change into. The focus this term is hockey, which they had a taster of towards the end of last term, as well as dodgeball in the hall

As half of our PE lessons will take part outside, 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 from reception.

It is important that children have appropriate clothing and footwear for PE as we are very fortunate that we have a lot of sports specialists working with us again this year so it is important your child has the correct kit so that they can take part.

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Named clothing, sandals 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 sandals 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. 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.

Timetable

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3		Lesson 4 & 5
Monday	Maths	Book Club	Writing	Handwriting/ spelling	Afternoon work
Tuesday	Maths	Book Club	Writing	Handwriting/ spelling	PE
Wednesday	Maths	Book Club	Writing	Handwriting/ spelling	Afternoon work
Thursday	Maths	Book Club	Writing	Handwriting/ spelling	Afternoon work
Friday	Maths	Book Club	Writing	Handwriting/ spelling	Afternoon work

Many thanks,

Mr Clancy

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