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Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic Summer holidays and you are all ready for the term ahead of us.

Year 6

In the Autumn Term, Year 6 will be completing work based around our new and exciting books 'Pig Heart Boy' and 'Cogheart'. During our writing lessons, we are going to begin by creating our own story maps so we can orally rehearse our model text. After this, we will look at the poem 'Sick' by Shel Silverstein to improve our knowledge of ambitious vocabulary and effective language. We will then use this in our own rags to riches tales about a main character who has to overcome difficulties to achieve happiness. 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 by focusing on place value and then will move onto looking at the four operations. The children will learn how to read and write numbers up to 10,000,000 and then they will move onto looking at how they can solve calculations using short division and long multiplication. In art, the children will begin by exploring Leonardo da Vinci and his artwork so they can gain an understanding of how he uses movement and expression within his sketches. The children will then use their drawing skills to draw different facial expressions and movements to show different moods. To start our DT units off, we will plan and create our own balanced breakfasts by exploring different breakfasts from around the world and different foods and their nutritional value. Year 6 have a fun filled term ahead of them filled with opportunities to take part in engaging lessons. 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 two PE sessions a week and they will be on **a Thursday** afternoon. The children will need to bring their PE kit in every Thursday for them to change into. We will start by taking part in fitness lessons where we will focus on our cardio and strength and then we will take part in yoga lessons to focus on balance and creating healthy mind sets.

As most of our PE lessons 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.

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 read three times a week at home, they will receive an extra break time on a Friday afternoon and receive a reward each half term. Alternatively, if your child does not read they will catch up on this on a Friday afternoon.

Many thanks,

Miss Gardner

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