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Dear Parent / Carer,

Autumn Term 2017 – Year 6

Welcome back for the Autumn Term 2017. Due to the raised expectations of the Government's new curriculum, it is essential that children are in school and on time every day; time is very precious.

Mathematics

In **Mathematics**, the children are working on deepening their understanding of number and are further developing their abilities to add, subtract, multiply and divide. This will be done through exploring real life problems. At home, it is essential that children continue to practise their times tables and their arithmetic targets.

Science

In **Science** with Mrs Straw, the children will be developing their investigative skills through a series of activities linked with the circulatory system and how lifestyle has an impact. In the second half of the term, Evolution and Inheritance is Year 6's Science focus.

Art & Design

Pupils will develop a range of key skills in **Art and Design** with Miss Riat.

English

In **English**, we will be studying a range of texts based around Robin Hood until October half term and then we will look at texts around Animal Rights. Using these texts, we will be looking closely at the structure, themes and conventions as well as writing techniques, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary. It is also essential that children learn their spellings each week when they are sent home.

Computing

On-Line Safety: Year 6 will be learning how to use technology responsibly and how to report any concerns.

PE

All year 6 children will have **PE** every week on Monday. Children must wear their PE Kit to school.



Ambitious young minds are the future leaders of our community



French

The focus in French this term is on speaking: pupils will be learning to ask questions and respond with information about themselves.

HOMEWORK

This new National Curriculum is much more demanding on our children, so the need for parents to support their child with homework is crucial if they are to succeed. Children receive homework on a **Friday** and need to return it the following **Thursday**. Every Tuesday lunchtime, one of the year 6 teachers will run a homework club for children who have any questions about their homework. The expectation is that **every child** hands their homework in on time to the expected standard. This is excellent preparation for secondary school.

READING AT HOME

We believe that **reading** is the **most important** skill children learn at school. It is expected that children read at home **at least four times** a week. The class with the most pupils reading at home will be rewarded with an additional playtime each week. There are also **Bronze, Silver and Gold** awards to be won! If you would like to find out more about how to **help your child with their reading**, please come and have a chat with us. If parents fail to hear their child read at home, they will need to **attend a meeting** with our **Head Teacher** to support them with this.

We believe that children learn best when their parents/carers and teachers work closely together. Because of this, we are always happy to discuss your child's progress— just pop and see us at the end of the school day.

Mr Gale, Miss King, Miss Knowles and Mrs Eaton