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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the start of a new year, we in Year 6 would like to provide you and your children with clear information regarding the upcoming term. Below you will find information regarding homework and when it is set and due in. We have also explained a bit about the homework. If you ever need to discuss or need advice about the work that has been set, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year 6 teacher.

Reading – in Year 6, the books that your children are reading usually come from the library as part of our Accelerated Reader scheme. We encourage you to discuss and question your child on their reading book; this will help them when they come to quiz. The comprehension of the text is very important and a child cannot move onto the next level of books until their understanding is secure. Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes can be taken at home but it is vital that children take these quizzes independently without adult support. Children's usernames and passwords will be written into the front of the reading record. The website for taking quizzes can be found at: <https://ukhosted51.renlearn.co.uk/2236651/default.aspx>, and can be found on our Google Classroom.

Children should record in their reading record which page they have read up to, and make a quick comment. We recommend that children try to read for at least ten minutes, at least once a day. If your child takes a quiz, this should also be recorded, along with their score. Please can an adult at home sign the reading record comments **four times a week** in order to evidence that your child has read. Helping our children to become fluent readers is perhaps THE most important thing we can do for them. Reading books and records need to be in school every day; we will check and sign reading records every **Wednesday** to make sure that children are keeping up with their reading.

Curriculum – Our school website contains details of our whole school curriculum. In addition, please find a list below of topics being covered in Year 6 this Spring Term.

- PSHE – Being Me in My World; Celebrating Difference
- Computing – We are Toy Makers; We are Computational Thinkers
- Design and Technology – Fabrics (sewing and stitching)
- English – Information Text; Newspaper Report; Narrative; Biography; Play Script; Poetry
- Geography – Rainforests
- History – Ancient Maya
- Mathematics – Place Value; Addition and Subtraction; Fractions; Measurement
- Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) – Do you have a pet?; What is the date?



- Music – Happy; Bacharach Anorak
- Religious Education – Why do some people believe in God and some people not?
- Physical Education – Step to the Beat; Gym Sequences; Boxercise; Dynamic Dance
- Science – Light; Evolution and Inheritance

Homework

Maths - Maths will be set every Friday with it due in the following Friday. This work will be based on work carried out during school to help consolidate or progress your child’s learning.

SPaG - SPaG will be set every Wednesday with it due in the following Wednesday. This work will be based on work carried out during school to help consolidate or progress your child’s learning.

Spelling - Each child will choose their own spellings from their spelling card and will write these in their red spelling book. We expect them to use two A5 pages to practise their spellings before being tested on them the following week (Thursdays). It is also very important for your child to have a clear understanding of the definition of each word that they are given to spell. All spellings will initially be taken from the statutory KS2 spelling list.

The table above is a helpful reminder with regard to what is needed in school each day.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Reading Records and Reading Books to be in school each day | | | | |
| | PE kit required in school | PE kit required in school Reading Records taken in SPaG homework handed in SPaG homework set | New spellings set and previous spellings tested | Maths homework handed in Maths homework set SPARX |

PE – as stated above, PE is on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Children will need to bring their PE kit into school on these days.

Snacks - We would like your help to promote healthy snacks at break time. **Please avoid sending in crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars, or anything containing nuts, and instead encourage the children to eat a piece of fruit, a cereal bar or breadsticks, for example.**

Labelling - Please may we kindly ask that all jumpers, coats, drinks bottles and packed lunch boxes are labelled with your child’s name. As we are sure you will appreciate, finding and returning un-named lost property to children can be time consuming.

E-mails - Mr Veal can be emailed at cveal@decoyschool.co.uk and Mr Parnell can be reached at sparnell@decoyschool.co.uk. Please be aware that it is school policy that there is no expectation for staff to respond to emails outside of their working hours.

Mr Veal (Falcons) works Monday – Friday Mr Parnell (Eagles) works Monday – Friday

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support in what will continue to be an extremely positive year for all.

Mr Parnell and Mr Veal

Year 6 Class Teachers