

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year!

The Year 6 team would like to say a warm **welcome back!** We hope you had chance to rest over the break and are looking forward to a new and exciting term ahead.

Here is some useful information about Year 6 and the following term.

Homework Purple books

We are excited to send out our spring term homework grid and hope that you continue to enjoy completing your choice of activities at home. We will also be uploading this to Teams.

As usual, this will contain a variety of tasks for you to complete in any order you choose. Books will be collected on a **Thursday** as this will give us the opportunity to have a 'homework gallery' in class – a time for all the staff and children to appreciate others' hard work. Children will also be given the opportunity to share a book review of their favourite book in our homework gallery.

In addition to the homework grid, all children benefit from regularly reading aloud to an adult, as well as times table and spelling practice. Thank you for your support with this. It really does make a difference.

Sports, P.E. and healthy eating

The children have two P.E. sessions per week. A teacher led session on **Mondays** and on **Wednesdays**.

On PE days, please **send your child to school wearing their PE kit**. The PE kit includes a white, plain t-shirt, black shorts or joggers, a black zip up top and trainers / pumps. Wednesday's PE will be outdoors so they will also need a jacket for cooler days.

As part of our healthy eating initiative, I would request that children have a **piece of fruit** or **some vegetables** as a snack for morning break. Many thanks for your support with this.



Please also ensure your child comes to school with a clearly named water bottle containing water only. Our water fountains will remain switched off due to Covid 19 so a water bottle is essential.

Topic



We are excited to be focusing on **'We've got the power'** this half term and **'The Great, The Bold and The Brave'** after half term. During our first topic, we will be focussing on Science (all about light and how it travels), Geography (about trading between different countries), and DT (create our own sustainable packaging). Please support your children with their learning by researching this further at home.

English

Our first book for this half term is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be using this text as inspiration to write our own stories. We will also be learning about Greta Thunberg and using her speeches to write our own in order to persuade people to make changes and look after the environment. Next half term, we will be learning about WW2 and using 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll to inspire our writing.

Maths

This half term we are working on decimals and percentages, including the relationship between these and fractions. We will then move on to explore algebra. After the break, we will study how to convert between different units of measurement, as well as how to calculate the perimeter, area and volume of different shapes. Our final topic for the term is ratio and proportion. Every week the children have an additional lesson on mental maths strategies, including times tables and number bonds.

Finally, if you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you!

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. Any extra questions do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team