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Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely summer. We are really looking forward to working with your children this year. Routines may be a little different, and subject to change but below is some of the information that you will need to know for Year 6.

Homework

In line with our homework policy, there will be homework set on most days. The homework is due in the following week on the same day that it is given out. For example, maths is given out on a Wednesday so is due in the following Wednesday. Homework will be given out on paper. Children will be given a folder to keep in their school bags to transport homework to and from school.

If children do not hand in their homework on or before the appropriate day then they will be asked to complete it during Thursday break and lunchtime (if necessary). If your child has found the homework difficult, and would prefer teacher support, we will help them with it during assembly or break time. Please ask your child to tell us if they are struggling with their homework BEFORE the day that it is due in. The expectation with homework is that the children will spend between 20 - 30 minutes an evening completing the work. Please do let me know if your child struggles with any aspect of the work or you would like further clarification. It is crucial this year that your child develops a "good homework habit" in preparation for secondary school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading records in	Topic or Science	Maths	English	Spelling

Reading

Your child will also bring home a reading record where they should record their opinions and any relevant information about the books they are reading. Children should record at least three entries a week into their reading records. Parents should still read or discuss a book with their child at least once a week and this should be recorded in the reading record also. This is included in the homework timetable. Mrs Ardley or Mrs Strange will be taking in reading records every Monday to check that children are keeping records, by recording 3 entries in their reading records, and reading widely.

P.E

Children will need their PE kits in school for the whole week. The lessons will usually be on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be swimming and doing hockey in the first term. More details on the arrangements for the swimming lessons to follow but the lessons should start on Thursday 17th September and continue for 10 weeks. In the second term we will continue swimming and cover tag rugby. On the weeks that we are not swimming we will do gymnastics. This year your child may like to bring in a roll-on deodorant with their PE kit. PE kits should be taken home at the end of each week to be washed or checked.

Mobile Phones

Many children choose to bring a mobile phone to school in Year 6. In the mornings, these should be turned off upon entry to school and placed in a basket on the teacher's desk. They will be stored in the school office for the day and returned just before home time. The children will not be able to access their phones during the day. Appropriate use of social media has increasingly become an issue for children of Year 6 age. Previous parents of Year 6 children have found it very useful to closely monitor their child's use of their phone, especially any use of social media. This way any issues can be addressed as soon as they arise as it is difficult for us to intervene where any problems may have occurred outside of school and through private messaging.

Equipment

The school will provide children with the required equipment needed for the classroom. However, it would be very useful if your child could have a pencil case in school with additional resources from home. Most of the children write in pen now and the Pilot Frixion Ballpoint is a popular choice as there is a pen eraser on the top. Blue handwriting pens should be ink ballpoint pens but not biros. We regularly use red pens (biro or ballpoint) to edit our work and good quality felt tip pens are useful for free time and art lessons. Other useful resources are glue sticks, highlighters and pencils.

I would also recommend your child having a notebook. Previous Year 6 children have found making notes, particularly for SPaG and maths, very helpful. Key terminology and concepts can be noted and then used to help with homework and revision.

Topic

Our history topic this term is Through the Ages - The Anglo-Saxons and Normans. We will answer the key questions: What happened to the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings? How did this change the UK and Reading? In term 2 children we will do a study of India and look at the key geographical features of the country, comparing the different regions and these features to those of the UK. We are planning a visit to Reading Museum to see the Bayeux Tapestry and have a history walk around Reading. More details will follow when the booking has been confirmed.

In French children will learn to speak with increasing confidence and develop their phonological knowledge. In music the class will continue to learn to play the ukulele with Mrs Davies. In DT, we will be making fairground rides with movable parts and in art we will focus on The Bayeux Tapestry and look at storytelling through pictures.

A note from Mrs Newbury

I am delighted to be teaching the children on Friday and covering Mrs Price's PPA time on a Monday afternoon. I will be teaching science (Electricity and Light), French, RE and computing. I will also be teaching maths and English on Friday mornings, covering shape and space in Maths and spelling in English. I will also set and monitor the spelling homework as outlined above. If you have any questions about your child's learning in any of the subjects I will be teaching, or questions about spellings then please feel free to come and see me on a Friday afterschool.

This is a crucial year for your child to develop their independence, before moving on to secondary school, so please encourage the children to talk to the adults in Year 6 if they have a problem. If you would like to see a member of staff then please send a note in with your child or email the school and we will arrange a suitable date and time. Or alternatively pop into the classroom (afternoons are much better than mornings).

We look forward to a successful Year 6. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Mrs N Price and Mrs Newbury