



## Year 6 Spring Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, as we start a new term I would like to share some key information with you about this half term and the curriculum content that we will be covering in the coming weeks.

Firstly, I would like to invite you to follow our new class twitter page; on here you can receive regular updates on goings on within your child's class and see the work that is being covered. You can follow the twitter handle **@C6Pleasant**.

You can also keep track of what our class is doing by following our school twitter account or my teaching account, you can also visit our class blog via the school's website. If you have not already done so, then please download the school's parent app to keep up to date with what is happening in the school this year.

This term we will also be starting 'booster classes' after school, this is ensure all pupils achieve the best mark they can get. You will receive a letter beforehand to inform you that your child has been selected. All pupils will be required to attend these classes at some point before the SATs. The classes will be tailored towards your child's needs and provide them with a close to one-to-one teaching.

### Weekly Events:

<b>Monday</b>	+ Weekly spellings will be tested. +New weekly spellings issued.
<b>Tuesday</b>	+Music
<b>Wednesday</b>	+Spanish
<b>Thursday</b>	+ Y5/6 Spellings will be tested. +New Yr5/6 spellings issued.
<b>Friday</b>	+PE – A full school PE kit will be needed. (Unless pupils are told other wise – there will also be an update via our twitter) +Homework will be issued. Due date given with homework.

**Homework:** Children will be given at least one piece per week, the homework will be related to topics they have covered the week prior, it is intended to cement learning which has taken place within the classroom. This homework may be either a written task or a verbal/thought task; again, details will be posted via the twitter pages so there is no miscommunication. If your child struggles with the work set, please do not hesitate to let me know and I will gladly offer extra support. If your child does not complete the issued homework for the due date, then they may have to stay in during a playtime to complete it – this will ensure that learning is embedded.

**SeeSaw:** Next term we will be trialing Seesaw in our class, this app will allow your child to showcase their work for you to see at home. It will also allow your child to access homework that is set for them. Thank you to the parents who have already signed up and linked yourself with our class – if you have not yet done so, then please do.

**Reading:** The children have each been given a reading day when they will need to bring in and change their books. It is very useful for the children to have their book bags in

school every day for carrying letters and other items. We read every morning so it is very important that your child is on time everyday. If it is possible, it would be advantageous if you can read on a regular basis with your child at home - 10 minutes a day can make a great difference!

**English:** The children will continue to cover a wide range of new spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) that will develop and improve their writing ability. This term we will focus upon these SPAG targets. We will also be reading 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We will be developing your child's comprehension skills, preparing them for the end of year SATs.

**Maths:** The children will be embedding their work on fractions by converting between percentages and decimals to solve problems of real life. It would be greatly valued if you could ask your child to find 'discounted prices' of items when given the chance. This will help greatly to secure their learning. Most of the children are already confident, but please do continue to help them to practice their times tables and learn them off by heart as it will dramatically help their progress.

**Science:** This term we will be looking at the topic of 'Animals and their Habitats'. We will be looking closely at Microorganisms.

**Computing:** In computing sessions we will be working on a coding program called 'Scratch'. We will also be using new 3D printing software and Virtual Reality headsets.

**Geography:** The pupils will be looking at area that was under British rule during the Victorian period.

**History:** Pupils will be learning about The Victorian era. They will learn about topics such as the schooling systems, the British Empire and Workhouse life.

**RE:** Our RE topic for this term is Islam. We will cover all major religions in our RE topics throughout the year.

**Music:** The children continue to learn to play guitars; this will be ongoing throughout the rest of the school year.

**Art:** The children will be looking at the work of William Morris They will also be taking part in regular weekly sketching sessions.

Attendance and punctuality is key this year, as we will be starting basic skills lessons at 8:55, these lessons last no longer than 10 minutes and are vital for fluency in mathematics.

Thank you again for your continued support,

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