



Year Six
Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We hope that you and your families have all had a relaxing Christmas break.

Throughout the course of this letter you'll find information regarding arrangements for Year Six during both the spring and summer terms. Further details will be sent home closer to the time but this letter is intended to give you an idea of what to expect over the remainder of the year.

Attached to this letter is a copy of our curriculum map. This term our topic is 'Hola Mexico!'

Reading

Please ensure that the children continue to regularly read, it makes a huge difference to their confidence and ability to access tasks. Research suggests that there is as much to be gained from an adult reading to a child as there is a child to an adult; so please try to make time for this.

Homework

Homework in the spring term is different to the autumn. Homework is now as follows:

- Friday: 1) Learning Note is sent home.
2) Spellings are set (these are due in, and tested, on the following Friday)
3) CGP Study Book – the children to read pages over the weekend

- Mondays: Y6 Maths question books are sent home. The pages detailed on the Learning Note should be completed. It is your child's choice as to whether they complete all the pages in one go or whether they complete the set pages each evening. However, the set page must be complete by the 'due in' date that's given on the Learning Note, as we will be going through this work each day in class.

Learning Notes are uploaded each week onto the class blog, please check there if you need copies of these.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us if your child is experiencing difficulties with their homework. Links to home learning games and apps will also be shared on our blog.

P.E.

Our P.E. days this term are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** but we would like the children to have their P.E. kits in school every day. The correct kit needs to be work for PE lessons, which consists of a blue polo shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. All of these items need to be clearly labelled.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place on **Thursday afternoons**. The children should bring old clothing to change into for **all** sessions e.g. trainers or wellies, tracksuit bottoms and waterproofs. We intend to go out in all weathers and the children will need to be appropriately dressed.

Swimming

We will be swimming during the summer term. A letter giving full details about the arrangements for this will be sent out towards the end of the spring term.

Important dates

Tuesday 29th January – School photographs
Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February – Half Term
Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March – Cycling proficiency
Wednesday 6th March + one other date (TBC) – Learning Reviews
Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th March – Parent Information Evening
Friday 5th April – Term ends at 2pm

Monday 22nd April – Bank Holiday (Easter Monday)
Tuesday 23rd April – Term begins
Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th April – KS2 Mock SATs
Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs
Thursday 23rd May – Oakmere Mini Marathon
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – Half Term
Thursday 13th June – Y6 trip to Harry Potter Studios
Saturday 15th-Sunday 16th June – WSFA Camping Weekend
Monday 17th June – Inset Day
Thursday 4th July – Sports Day
Wednesday 17th July – Y6 trip to Herts Young Mariners
Thursday 18th July – End of term
Friday 19th July – Inset Day

Library Visits

We will be continuing with our Library visits this term. As previously, if I do not have your child's membership card then please do remember to send this into school with them on the day of their visit. Dates of visits for this half-term are as follows:

Thursday 24th January - Group 1 (JA, EF, EK, LL, AL, ALJ, RP, LPM, AP and ES).
Thursday 31st January - Group 2 (CG, MA, SW, NG, SC, MC, JH-N, RO, LW and CM).
Thursday 7th February - Group 3 (AC, TS, ET, PO, DD, EK, MF, CE, IS and L-MP).

I am able to return books on your child's behalf, so long as they place these books at the front of the classroom in their returns pouch.

Upcoming trips and payments

There are two upcoming trips:

Thursday 13 th June - Harry Potter Studio Tour	Expected cost: £30
Wednesday 17 th July - Herts Young Mariners	Expected cost: £42

I am aware that it is expensive to have both of these trips so close together, and so am writing about these now to give you advance warning. I will send out further details of these in March, along with details of how we can set-up a payment plan over a couple of months to pay for these trips, if that would help. Alternatively, if you would rather pay the balance for each trip as one payment, then of course we're happy to work that way as well.

Whilst the school is unable to subsidise trips to any great extent, if the cost of these is an issue then please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mr Billing in confidence.

And finally...

If you have any queries or concerns about anything in this letter, or anything else, then please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Year Six team.

With kind regards, Mr Ritson

