

**Don't Forget:**

**PE kits** must be in school at all times.

**Homework** is given out on Friday to be returned the following Tuesday.

**Spellings** will be given out at the end of each week, to be tested the following Tuesday.

**Reading Journals** are to be filled in weekly. Due in on Fridays.

**Water Bottles** should be brought in daily.

**Uniforms** must be correct and clearly labelled with a permanent marker.

**Healthy Tuck Shop:** will be every Friday.

**Dear Parents/ Carers**

Happy New Year to all our parents, carers and children in Year 6 and we look forward to working with you all. Don't hesitate to contact one of us if there is anything you need to discuss. We are looking forward to an exciting, fun term!

**English:**

This term we will be writing a short story which builds suspense. The children will also be writing a balanced argument and then a mystery letter.

Additionally the children will be having a weekly spelling and punctuation lesson to help improve their writing. Next half term we will be focusing on a Shakespeare play. We are also having daily comprehension activities. Please encourage your child to read daily.

**Maths:** This term we will be focusing on the four main operations and consolidating areas for improvement. We will be focusing on time, interpreting different graphs and solving worded problems and investigations. We will be developing the strategies used in mental maths.

## Year 6 Curriculum News

### Topic: Rulers and Governments

**Religious Education:** The religion we will be studying this term is Islam. We will be learning about how the Hajj is important to Muslims. Following on, we will be learning about Lent and Easter and how Christians celebrate this festival.

**PE:**

Outside PE lessons will be focusing on netball and other team sports. Our indoor sessions will be Gymnastics, focusing on paired mirror work and dance.

**History/Geography:**

Our topic this term is Rivers with particular reference to comparing the Amazon River to the River Thames. We are arranging a trip to go down the famous London River! The children will be following a line of enquiry to compare these two different rivers. They will be learning how a river is formed, what is its purpose and the history behind the rivers.

**Art, Design & Music:**

Linking with our topic, we will be looking at the new Parliamentary tiles and designing our own Coat of Arms. The children will design their own tile which represents themselves and make it with clay.

**Science:**

Our topic for this half term is Electrical Circuits. In the second half term we will be looking at Forces. We will be focusing on the skill of drawing conclusions and developing questions.

**French:** We will be learning how to say, read and write about our favourite animals, where they live and also learning to tell the time.

**ICT/D&T:**

So far this term we have learnt about e-safety and how to stay safe when using the internet. We will also be using a computer program called Scratch to build on the skills of programming.