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 E12 6TH
 7th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful half term. As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately when they come to school. I hope the information below helps to ensure that you know what your child is learning at school this half term and provides you with helpful suggestions as to how to support them. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Thank you, Ms. L. P. Baldwin
 (Phase Leader Years 5-6)

Year 6 – AUTUMN TERM 2		
<p><u>Topic</u> Our creative curriculum unit this half term will continue to be World War II. The children will learn about why children were evacuated, rationing and D-day.</p> <p><u>English</u> Your child will be taught specific reading skills during daily RWI splits and class based Guided Reading lessons.</p> <p>Your child will also have daily English lessons focusing on the writing and grammar aspects of the National Curriculum. This half term the focus will be on writing instructions, letters and reports.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> Maths splits will take place daily, with an additional mental maths session three times a week.</p> <p>This half term the focus will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding and subtracting fractions when the denominator is not the same. • Calculating percentages of amounts. • Understanding how to calculate the perimeter of shapes, including irregular shapes with missing measurements. 	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>This half term's science topic will be Evolution and Inheritance.</p> <p>Children will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. • recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind which are not identical to their parents. • identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways.

How you can support your child at home

One of the SATs papers your child will take tests their Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. To prepare for this your child is set spellings to learn each week. Please support them in learning these by ensuring they practise them independently and then testing them. You could ask them to spell them out loud or write them down. Also, check they still remember spellings from previous weeks by adding these in for an extra level of challenge! Finally, encourage your child to use any new vocabulary in conversation.

Your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes every-day. Once a week encourage your child to read one or more newspaper articles – either online or in a newspaper.

To help them develop their reading comprehension skills:

- ask them questions about what they've read
- get them to explain their opinions

Reading these texts will also help them with their own writing.

Reasoning is an important part of maths. After your child has finished doing their maths homework ask them to explain how they got one of their answers.

Please help your child learn and/or practise their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Take your child to the Natural History Museum to discover the wide range of animals on display there as well as extinct species.

What family resemblances can they find in your family? Who do they look most like?

Other information

Homework: Homework will be given out every Friday to be returned to your child's class teacher or split teacher by the following Wednesday. This includes spellings which must be learnt for weekly spelling tests.

PE: Your child will have PE lessons every Monday. Please ensure that they come prepared with their full PE kit, including black plimsolls.

ECAM: Please be aware that there have been some small changes to the timetable and your child's lesson may be at a slightly different time. Lessons continue every Monday until Monday 5th December. Please continue to ensure your child brings in their instrument every week and takes it home again to practise.

Dates for your diary:

Fri 11th November: Y6 Parent Consultation Day (please ensure you attend at your allocated time)

Fri 18th November: International Evening

Week commencing Mon 28th November: Y5 and Y6 tests

Wed 7th December: TF4 class assembly at 9am

Fri 9th December: Last day of after school clubs and interventions

Tues 13th December: KS2 watch the KS1 production

Fri 16th December: Christmas dinner

Mon 19th December: Y4-6 attend pantomime at Theatre Royal, Stratford (letters to follow)

Tues 20th December: End of year parties

Wed 21st December: Last day of term

Wed 4th January: First day of Spring 1

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z3pp34j/resources/1>

<http://www.yourgenome.org/facts/what-is-evolution>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/timelines/zq8gcdm>

