



495 High Street North
 Manor Park
 E12 6TH
 Tuesday 31st October 2017

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. Now that the clocks have gone backwards it is dark at half past 4, we are therefore unable to allow the year 6 children to go home alone until further notice. 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 H. Carlile
 Deputy Head

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 Guided Reading splits and class based Comprehension lessons. 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, descriptions and reports.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> Maths splits will take place daily 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. • Dividing fractions by whole numbers. • Multiplying fractions and writing the answer in its simplest form. • Compare and order fractions including fractions greater than 1. 	<p><u>Science</u> 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		
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

<p>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.</p>	<p>or in a newspaper. To help them develop their reading comprehension skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ask them questions about what they've read get them to explain their opinions <p>Reading these texts will also help them with their own writing.</p>	<p>answers.</p> <p>Please help your child learn and/or practise their times tables up to 12 x 12.</p> <p>Take your child to the Natural History Museum to discover the wide range of animals on display there as well as extinct species.</p> <p>What family resemblances can they find in your family? Who do they look most like?</p>
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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 music lessons for year 6 children begin at **8am every Tuesday morning**. All children are expected to attend. Children that display good musical talent may be select to perform before the Queen. The last music lesson before the Christmas break will be on **Tuesday 5th December** and lessons resume on **Tuesday 9th January 2018**.

After school tuition

Please ensure that your child attends their after school tuition classes. These classes are very important to your child's progress in year 6. If your child is unable to attend for any reason please telephone the main office. If more than two sessions are missed your child's tuition place may be given to another child.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 10th November: Y6 Parent Consultation Day (please ensure you attend at your allocated time)

Anti-bullying week 13th November 2017

Friday 17th November: Children in Need

Road safety week 20th November 2017

Friday 24th November: International Evening

Friday 1st December: Last day of after school clubs and interventions

Tuesday 5th December last music lesson before Christmas for year 6

Tuesday 12th December: Y4-6 attend pantomime at Barking Theatre (letters to follow)

Thursday 7th December: Christmas dinner

Tuesday 19th December end of year parties

Wednesday 20th December: last day of term

Wednesday 3rd January: Return to school

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>