

# WELCOME BACK!

Dear Children,

Welcome to Year 6! I am so looking forward to you all being in my class this year with all the hard work, responsibilities and privileges it brings: there is so much to look forward to including having a Buddy, the end of year musical and the residential trip to Bowles.

Please have the following equipment in class **and** at home:

- *coloured pencils*
- *30cm ruler with millimetres and centimetres marked (**at home**)*
- *a blue handwriting pen – if you have an ink pen, please ensure that you have plenty of spare cartridges in school and that you have a blue handwriting pen at home*
- *a book bag for your homework and any letters to take home*

Remember that you are not allowed to write in gel pen or biro. In order to complete your homework, access to a good dictionary and thesaurus will be helpful. Any bags you bring to school should be **small** in order to accommodate everyone in the cloakroom.

**Please make sure all of your equipment is clearly and securely named.**

This term we will be following the National Curriculum in English and Maths. Our foci in English will be: Historical Stories about the First World War; a study of a 'significant author' (Phillip Pullman); Classic Poetry and Recounts.

In History we are going to be learning about *Ancient Greece* and in Geography, we shall study *Rivers*. Our Science topics are *Evolution and Inheritance* and *Light*. In R.E. our topics are *Family – Loving; Vocation and Commitment; Advent*. There are new topics in ICT this year too and we shall continue to build on the work you completed last year on programming. In Latin we will finish *Minimus Book 1* and in French we are starting a new programme of study beginning with 'Our School' and 'The World Around Us'. Art lessons will build on skills using a variety of media starting with landscapes.

Homework will be given daily and at weekends (you should spend 45 minutes on this) and you **must** read every day for at least 20 minutes. There will be a weekly spelling test too. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday – you must practise them at home.

Parents are welcome into the class on the first Friday morning of the month from 8.30-8.45. Now that you are in Year 6 you must come into class on your own from 8.30. If you arrive before then, please go to Early Morning Club.

This year you will be expected to become much more independent and responsible, so please try to adopt strategies to help yourself be organised. Remember what I have told you about ensuring you have the correct equipment in school, including kit for matches as you will not be allowed to call home if you have left things behind. This is to help you make the transition to secondary school.

This term you will have swimming lessons for the first half of term on a Wednesday morning. Please wear your swimming costumes under your PE kit and bring your towel and underwear in a bag. **You do not need to bring your school uniform into school on Wednesdays because you have PE lessons or matches in the afternoons.** However, you must make sure that you bring PE kit into school on Thursday morning.

Let's have a great term,

Kind regards,

Mrs Alcock

