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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Spring Term has begun, and I hope you have all have a rich and restful Christmas having rejuvenated with family and friends. Thank you all so much for your generous gifts and cards, the team and I were really touched.

During the run up to Christmas we were especially busy in Class 6: Christmas Carol singing at Cluster Care and taking some of the lead roles in the Carol Service at Cropredy Church as well as the fantastic Music Extravaganza at the village hall - kindly organised by Mrs Middleton Mai and the wonderful PTA. I have received many compliments on the children's behaviour: particularly on their part in the Christmas Service at Church and during our outing at the theatre, where they conducted themselves beautifully. The children worked extremely hard and remained focussed on work right up to the last day in school. I know that they are going to rise to the challenges of this term and am looking forward to spending time with them.

On that note, this term, Year 6 will be working with Year 5 on the theme of Frozen Kingdoms and will be learning about the Polar Regions. More information is given in the Learning web, which is attached with this message.

P.E.

Hockey and Badminton are our sporting pursuits this term, and as they are outdoor, we will be guided by the weather and so although we have scheduled slots for P.E. there may be changes to the schedule - consequently, your child will need to have a P.E. kit in school **ALL WEEK LONG**. This should include warm jogging bottoms, a long-sleeved sweatshirt/house shirt and sturdy outdoor trainers (**not plimsoles**).

Homework

This term we will continue to issue homework and spellings on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Each week should have a maths, reading, grammar and spelling task. There may also be the occasional topic exploration task. Your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes every evening and by listening to your child read or by asking them to tell you about what they have read, you will aid their comprehension.

SATs

'The Lord is my shepherd.' Psalm 23

Finally, I would just like to take this opportunity to notify you of the dates of the formal assessments (SATs) that take place in the summer for Year 6s.

This year, SATs week is w/c Monday 11th May 2020.

English and Maths Assessment takes place during the whole week and it is vital your child is in school during this time.

We respectfully request you refrain from planning to take your child out of school during this week and the one immediately prior.

Although this date may appear some way in the future, it comes around very quickly.

Working towards this important point is now a very real focus for year 6 pupils, though please be assured, they will continue to enjoy a rich and varied curriculum. We will work closely with each child to ensure they are as prepared as they can be for these national assessments.

I will share more information about SATs at the next pupil progress meeting, however, if you have any questions or concerns regarding SATs or any other matters, please let me know.

Please keep an eye out for the weekly school newsletter for dates and info about upcoming events.

Kind regards

Mrs Foster and the Year 6 Team.