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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

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We are delighted to have the children back in school and they are thriving and settling in well after the summer break. Our focus on the first few weeks is on identifying where the children are in their learning journey, both academically and socially, and getting them excited about their final year in primary school. We will be consolidating prior knowledge learnt in Key Stage 2 thus far before extending and challenging the children in every aspect of the curriculum.

In maths this term we are strengthening place value knowledge and broadening their ability to problem solve and develop complex reasoning strategies in the four operations, negative numbers and rounding. Alongside this, we will be reviewing all other areas of the maths curriculum at the start of the day (ask your child about the Daily 10 with the Challenge 5) to ensure sufficient coverage and gap-filling in all areas of maths. In year 6 we aim to get as many children as possible to the expected standard alongside providing surplus challenge for many to achieve the highest standard of greater depth.

Similarly, in English, we will review all the key skills covered in KS2 so far and develop those that have not been covered to the standard required in year 6. A wide variety of teaching techniques will be utilised to ensure that the whole class make enhanced progress in reading, spag and writing tasks that link to our opening theme of *The Solar System*. Our writing will be a key area to develop this year with this cohort and will be an integral part of everything we do in year 6.

Topic

As mentioned, our topic this term is *The Solar System* and we will be exploring this incredibly diverse and fascinating topic with enthusiasm and curiosity. We'll be taking a light touch approach on many aspects of this theme and then homing in on specific key areas that really interest and captivate the children. The Sun, the Moon, 8 main planets and their characteristics, dwarf planets, nebula and asteroids are examples of what we'll be investigating.

To help support you and your child, please find attached, a topic knowledge organiser, which will familiarise you with some of the key facts, knowledge and understanding around our topic. We hope this will enable you to support and encourage your child's learning from home.

PE

This term, Year 6 will need to come into school in their PE kits on Wednesdays whereby they'll be exploring Gymnastics and Rugby. Children will need to come in their PE kit on this day and will remain in their PE kit throughout the day. Our PE sessions will be outside where possible, so please ensure that children have layers, including leggings or jogging bottoms as part of their kit; especially as the weather becomes more autumnal. **Please can you make sure that all items are clearly named.**

Homework

Homework will be set on a **Tuesday** and books need to be returned on the following **Monday**. This allows flexibility for children to complete their homework during the week or on the weekends. Homework will consist of an English and Maths task as well as spellings each week. Spelling test will take place every Friday and children are allocated two short sessions in school for spelling work. There will also be occasional topic projects which, when set, will be in place of English and Maths.

Reading

All children in Year 6 should have access to at least one non-fiction and one fiction quality text from either their collection at home, the school library or from my personal library. They will have opportunities throughout the day to read these and will also be permitted to take them home to read. I personally take time out every day to recommend a book, share children's thoughts on what they are reading and emphasize the importance of reading to them and with them. Throughout the year the children should aim to read a broad range of books covering a range of authors, topics, and genres. Children are expected to read each evening for ***at least*** 20 minutes.

Please see the attached links to book lists with suggestions of age-appropriate books for your child.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year-groups>

[Best Books for Year 6 | Ages 10-11 Recommended Reads | BooksForTopics](#)

If there is any way that I can help support you or your child/children going forwards, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school; telephone number 01295 750210 or email me through office.3000@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk

I've been impressed by how the children have started this academic year and I'm very confident that they will all go on an amazing journey this year in which they will make fantastic progress; mentally, academically, emotionally and socially. Let's go year 6!

Kind regards,

Mr Parsons and the Year 6 Team