

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the children to year 6. We hope it will be an enjoyable year. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children.

### Homework/Reading

We will be setting termly projects for the children linked to their topic. This term the topic is World War II. The children can include anything they like in their independent research learning, but we will give them a few suggestions. They will need to hand in their finished project at the end of term, but we expect to see it each Thursday, to make sure that they are on track and not falling behind. As a rule, we would expect to see around a page a week completed in their books. They cannot copy and paste things from the internet, or copy from a book. We would like the work to be their own and they should be as creative as possible.

The children will also be set Mathematics tasks each week, which are linked to what they have been in learning in class. The children have been given a homework diary in order to keep track of this and promote their independence. The children should also read their reading book each night. It is important that your child reads on a regular basis and this should be recorded in their homework diary. Reading books and homework diaries should be brought to school daily and each read will be recorded to count towards the Westie Reading Challenge.

Weekly spellings will also be set and we will have a small test on these in class time each week.

### Curriculum

Below are the topics that we will be studying, should you and your children wish to do any extra research:

| Subject                              | Term 1   |
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| English                              | Once by Morris Gleitzman (linked to World War II topic) covering:<br>Diary entry<br>Character description<br>Descriptive writing<br>Newspaper report<br>Formal letter<br>Narrative                   |
| Maths                                | Place value – reading and writing numbers to 10,000,000<br>Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division<br>Fractions, compare, order, simplify and find equivalents<br>Decimals<br>Percentages |
| Science                              | Empiribox  |
| ICT                                  | Developing an interactive game.  |
| Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art) | World War II<br>The lives of children in WWII<br>Key figures in WWII and events  |
| R.E.                                 | Judaism  |
| P.E                                  | Ball skills and coordination/swimming  |
| Music                                | Ukuleles/recorders and weekly singing lessons.   |

### Water Bottles

It is essential that all children in year 6 have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be taken home every day and refilled at home for the following day and can contain only water please.

### PE

Children will need a PE kit in school everyday. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit will be needed during the colder months as PE sessions will have to take place outside as our hall is out of use until term 3. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

**PE Days**

PE is on a Wednesday for both classes. Swimming is on a Thursday each week (for both classes). Swimming is part of the curriculum which means **all** children need to take part.

**Uniform**

Children should be wearing black shoes. Black trainers are **not** acceptable. All children in year 6 should be wearing their tie to school every day. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, earrings, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Burr and Mr Shepherd