Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer.

Children need to arrive in school between 8:40 and 8:55am, after this time the top playground doors will be closed and you will have to go through the main building and register with the office as late. For those parents collecting, this will also be from the top playground door until 3:30 pm, then the children will have to be collected from the office. We have a record of which children are allowed to travel to and from school independently, without your permission we will not allow any child to travel home independently. Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school a

**Homework** – This will be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due in on Tuesdays. Each child has been given a homework folder and homework. Each week homework will be sent home relevant to your child’s learning and will be English and maths related. Homework needs to be completed in the homework book and returned in the folder. Each week the children will also be tested on 15-20 words. In their homework folder you will find their spelling book which will contain the results from their spelling tests. If your child does not understand anything please do not hesitate to ask.

**Reading** - to be undertaken daily and recorded in their yellow reading journals. Books can be borrowed from school or chosen from home.

**Phones**- Children need to hand in their phone at the start of every day and collect it from the box at the end. Phones are not permitted during the school day.

**Pencil cases**- all children have been given a pencil from school. It is their responsibility to look after this equipment, no other pencil cases are permitted at school.

**Curriculum**

**Numeracy** – We will be following the mastery curriculum. This will start will focusing on children’s understanding of number, place value and recapping the formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be answering arithmetic questions every day to ensure this is embedded.

**Literacy** - We will be focusing on persuasive writing this term and will write a variety of different texts within this topic. This will include a persuasive letter, a travel brochure and an advert and will link to our IPC topic. There will also be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG). In SPAG we will be looking at commas, semi-colons, clauses, different sentence openers and learning the keywords for year 5 and 6.
IPC – Our topic is ‘The Holiday Show’. We will be using our geography skills to look at other countries and compare them to the UK. They will be improving their map skills, understanding how to read co-ordinates and understand the difference between human and physical geography.

Science – We will be learning about light and sound this half term through a range of practical and theory lessons.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will learning about Christianity and exploring sacred texts and inspirational writing.

PE – The children will have indoor P.E. on Tuesdays and outdoor PE on Thursday. Please remember to name all PE clothing and ensure your child has the correct clothing in school.

Music- We will be learning about different styles of music however focusing on rock music based around the song “Livin’ on a prayer”.

Computing- The children will be recapping e-safety and looking at how to present data on ‘prezi.’

Once again we will be using seesaw as a method of communication. We would really appreciate, if you can, for you to sign up to seesaw to receive notifications, messages and pictures. Please note you will need to enter a new code for year 6. Our year 6 blog on the website will also be updated weekly and will include the children’s homework for your information.

Our year 6 coffee afternoon is on Tuesday 18th September at 2:45pm. We do hope you are able to attend.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns, we are available most days before and after school or alternatively you can make an appointment through the office if this not convenient.

Yours sincerely,

Ms R Ellery (Assistant head & Y5/6 Phase lead), Mrs E Smith (Waterloo) & Miss A Couch (Oxford Circus).