Dear Parents and carers,

**Spring 1: Year 6 Curriculum Letter**

**Homework** – This will continue to be handed out weekly on a Friday and is due in on Wednesdays. Each child has been given a homework folder and homework book. Homework needs to be completed in the homework book and returned in the folder. Each week the children will also be tested on 20 words. This term 10 words will be based on the spelling rule we have focused on that week and the other 10 words will be randomly selected from the autumn term spelling lists. All children have logins to Mathletics where they can complete tasks and activities set. Children who have access to Lexia are encouraged to complete this at home.

**Reading** - To be undertaken daily and recorded in their yellow reading journals. *For OC-the children must answer at least one of the reading questions in their yellow books each time they read, this is to improve their comprehension.* Books can be borrowed from school or chosen from home. All children have a guided reading book which they need to bring to school daily.

**Phones**- Children need to hand in and switch off 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 or after-school clubs. Please note that the children attending after-school clubs must collect their phone from the box at 3.20pm and hand them to the designated adult at after-school club.

**Pencil cases**- All children have been given a pencil case from school. It is their responsibility to look after this equipment and have them available for use in every lesson. No other pencil cases are permitted at school.

**Curriculum**

**Numeracy** – This term we will be breaking down our Maths lessons into two parts. In the morning we will be covering a range of areas in the reasoning paper. These include: shape, angles, statistics, perimeter and area, time and conversions. In the afternoon we will be covering areas for the arithmetic paper. These include: fractions, percentages, decimals, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

**Literacy** – We will be using the book ‘The Emergency Zoo’ by Miriam Halahmy to support our English writing. This term will focus on a wide range of writing styles including diary entries, newspaper reports and fictional writing. Each week we will cover a different spelling rule to improve the children’s spelling. We will also be teaching separate Grammar lessons to help prepare the children for the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar paper.

**IPC** – Our topic is WW2 with a large focus on history. This will link to both our English reading text (Emergency Zoo) and our writing.
Science – In Science we will be looking at Scientific theories and evidence for evolution, adaptation and inheritance in different animal species. Later in the term, we will be studying the human circulatory system.

RE – We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). This half term we will be looking at questions relating to ‘the journey of life’.

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.

Computing: The children will continue to develop their research and presentation skills.

Once again, we will be using Seesaw as a method of communication. If you haven’t already, 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 is on the website and is updated weekly. This blog includes the children’s homework for your information.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. We can be 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 leader), Mrs E Smith (Waterloo) & Miss A Couch (Oxford Circus).