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### Welcome back Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the half term ahead. We had a great start to Year 6, including a fantastic trip to Southampton Docks, and we've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children. We are really looking forward to the exciting lessons we have planned for this half term and the festivities in the run up to Christmas.

We will continue to immerse the children in our topic 'This is Us!' In Geography, the children will be developing their understanding of where people live around the world, how and why population changes and the challenges of an ageing population. They will also need to think back to their trip to the docks and what they have learned about what makes Southampton a significant city to support their learning in DT.

In English, we will begin the half term by exploring war poetry and the children will write their own poems inspired by remembrance. This learning will help the children to prepare a special assembly for the whole school on Remembrance Day. We are looking forward to seeing the children take on this responsibility. We will continue to read 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Raúf. The children have engaged maturely and empathetically with the story and plight of refugees. In Maths, the children will continue to develop their fluency and speed through regular arithmetic practice. They will also explore decimals, fractions and units of measure.

PE continues to be on each **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child has both outdoor and indoor kit (including a change of shoes) and that all jewellery is removed. Don't forget that we sell kit, including tracksuits for the colder months, in our school office.

The children will continue to receive homework on a Wednesday, with the expectation to hand it in the following Tuesday. In addition to this, it is vital that your child continues to read each night and has their planner signed along with the title of the book and the page numbers. Reading regularly will not only support their fluency and understanding, but also aid their progress across the curriculum.

We are looking forward to a successful half term. We would like to say thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

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