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Welcome Back Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. We cannot believe that we are now over halfway through the school year! It was an absolute pleasure to take the children to Tudor House and give them a tour of Southampton's old town - their behaviour was fantastic. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to really develop their understanding of the history of Southampton and see first-hand the impact of war. We are looking forward to continuing with our topic: 'Keep Calm and Carry On'. Already the children have shown real curiosity and have engaged well with their learning. The children have worked hard on applying their knowledge of the war years to write some gripping stories. In English, we will continue to read Letters from the Lighthouse, which the children are thoroughly enjoying.

This half term we will be revising Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling and Mathematics skills with the children in order to ensure that they feel confident and ready for their end of Key Stage 2 Tests (week commencing **Monday 13 May**). It is very important that the children attend school on time every day in order to maximise their potential success. We will continue to carry out mock SATs with the children. These are absolutely nothing for the children to worry about, they simply help us identify any areas where the children need support to help progress their learning further.

The children have continued to impress us with their hard work with their weekly homework. This homework will help the children to revisit and practise taught skills in the run up to their SATs. Taking responsibility for their home learning is an important aspect of learning to be ready and organised, skills that should help the children to prepare for the transition to secondary school. If children would like help with their homework, they need to seek support before the deadline.

As you are aware, children are expected to read at home daily and record the book title and pages read in their planners. Please support your child with this and sign their planners. Stars will only be awarded if all of the information is recorded. Reading regularly at home will help the children develop their stamina for reading as well as widen their vocabulary and develop their reading fluency. We are looking forward to seeing the children progress with Times Tables Rock Stars. Weekly spellings will be given and it is vital that the children practise and learn these. The expectation is that they will be using these within their writing. Thank you for helping your child to practise at home.





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PE continues to be on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure that your child has both outdoor and indoor kit to change into and that **all** jewellery (including earrings) is removed. Long hair must also be tied back. **Children must have a pair of trainers for PE** that are not the shoes they wear to school.

Just a reminder that the £30 deposit for the end of year celebrations is due on **Friday 1 March**. The children (and staff) are very excited for all of the festivities ahead!

Thank you for all your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please write a note in your child's planner or contact the school office.

Very best wishes.

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