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Welcome back, Year 6!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the Spring Term. We had a great start to Year 6 last term and we are really looking forward to seeing the children continue to progress in 2025. This half term the children will travel back in time to understand what it would have been like to be living in Southampton during World War Two. To launch this topic, we are excited to visit Tudor House on **Monday 12th January** for a Wartime Workshop and tour of Southampton's historic old town. As a reminder, children will need to wear school uniform but please ensure that they wear comfortable, warm shoes and bring a suitable coat as we will be outside whatever the weather. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please speak to one of us or contact the office.

In English, we will begin the half term by reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. Set during the Second World War, the text offers a wealth of engaging reading and writing opportunities. In Mathematics, we will be working hard to prepare the children for the End of Key Stage 2 Assessments. The children will develop their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will also learn about ratio and algebra. They will also continue to refine their arithmetic skills.

The children's dedication to their weekly homework was very impressive. We will continue to set weekly homework each Wednesday and homework will be due in on the following Tuesday. Children are also expected to read daily at home as well as continue to practise their times tables and spellings. Please support your children with this at home and please remember to record your child's reading in their planners.

PE remains on **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kits, including a pair of trainers separate from their school shoes. As the weather is increasingly cold, tracksuit bottoms are highly recommended for outdoor sessions. For safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed, and children must have a kit in school to participate.

Finally, we would like to share with you that Easter School will not take place this year. There are a number of reasons behind this, but most importantly Senior Leaders want children and staff to make the most of their Easter break. We feel that our children receiving the very best learning in school over their whole time here should equip our children to complete their SATs and excel in them.



We are looking forward to a brilliant term ahead and know the children will continue to amaze us with their hard work. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please write a note in your child's planner or contact the School Office. We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Best wishes,



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