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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year! I pre-warn you that the year flies by in Year 6 and we will soon be talking about residential/SATs/production and of course transition to secondary school (*how did that happen*). I hope that everybody had an enjoyable break and the children are all ready for the challenges of the year ahead.

In **Maths** this term we will be learning about place value, the four number operations and finally moving onto the start of the fractions block. We use the White Rose Maths scheme which breaks the learning down into small steps and lessons are taught in a very logical sequence. This allows the children to build on their prior learning throughout the weeks, terms and years. Here are the small steps (objectives):

Place Value

Step 1	Numbers to 1,000,000
Step 2	Numbers to 10,000,000
Step 3	Read and write numbers to 10,000,000
Step 4	Powers of 10
Step 5	Number line to 10,000,000
Step 6	Compare and order any integers
Step 7	Round any integer
Step 8	Negative numbers



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The Four Operations

- Step 1 Add and subtract integers
- Step 2 Common factors
- Step 3 Common multiples
- Step 4 Rules of divisibility
- Step 5 Primes to 100
- Step 6 Square and cube numbers
- Step 7 Multiply up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number
- Step 8 Solve problems with multiplication

- Step 9 Short division
- Step 10 Division using factors
- Step 11 Introduction to long division
- Step 12 Long division with remainders
- Step 13 Solve problems with division
- Step 14 Solve multi-step problems
- Step 15 Order of operations
- Step 16 Mental calculations and estimation
- Step 17 Reason from known facts

Fractions

- Step 1 Equivalent fractions and simplifying
- Step 2 Equivalent fractions on a number line
- Step 3 Compare and order (denominator)
- Step 4 Compare and order (numerator)
- Step 5 Add and subtract simple fractions
- Step 6 Add and subtract any two fractions
- Step 7 Add mixed numbers
- Step 8 Subtract mixed numbers

- Step 9 Multi-step problems

Our **writing** this term will focus on the skills of writing narratives. We will first use 'Rose Blanche' as our inspiration - this picture book follows a young German girl as she is bewildered by what is happening in her country during the war. The children will be developing the following skills: repetition for effect; use of precise verbs; alliteration and onomatopoeia; and pathetic fallacy. Later on in the term the children will use the skills which they have learned to write their own story based on our class read: Adolphus Tips.

The **punctuation and grammar** covered this term will be: types of conjunctions; subject, verb, object; active and passive voice; and expanded noun phrases.

Our class text will be 'Adolphus Tips' by Michael Morpurgo. This book explores the experiences of a young girl in the coastal village of Slapton when the 'Yanks' arrive to practise for the D-Day landings. As always Morpurgo takes this difficult subject and somehow weaves it into a warm, comforting yet sometimes shocking story.



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Mr Hayes will teach the children in the afternoon several afternoons each week and we also have Rev. Pitt in class on a Monday afternoon for RE lessons. Mrs Mac will teach the PE lessons on a Thursday.

Subject	Topic Title	Key Learning
Science	Living things and their habitats: Classifying big and small	Classifying all types of living things using the Linnaean system, including vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and microorganisms.
History	World War II	Discovering the causes, main events, and outcomes of the Second World War, and being able to explain how and why events progressed over time and how they affected the local area.
PE	Football Dance	In football, practising how to dribble a ball accurately in combination with passing and defensive skills. In dance, using the dynamics of dance phrases to learn about and perform bhangra dancing.
Computing	Computing systems and networks	Learning about how computers communicate with each other, what protocols are used to send data over a network, and how this is applied in real life.
RE	Agape	Exploring the meaning of 'agape' (the highest form of love) and using it to learn about the Beatitudes in the Bible and how Jesus' sermons are used by Christians today.
Art	Craft and design: Photo opportunity	Analysing how photography is used in art, using digital photography techniques, and practising observation of photos to create photorealistic artwork.
PSHE	Being Me in My World	Identifying goals for the year ahead, learning about the rights of children globally, and using democracy to benefit others through the creation of fair learning rules.
Music	Happy	Listening to a series of classic songs with a related theme of happiness, then learning to sing 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and play it on instruments including the glockenspiel.
French	More to Explore	Developing accurate pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary and listening skills in French that can be used in real-life contexts.

Weekly spellings are set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. The children will have the whole term's spellings already stuck in their spelling books. They should fill a double page with practice which they can do throughout the week at home using a range of strategies (see the front of their spelling book for ideas). **Homework** will vary between SPaG.com and arithmetic papers. I will send an example arithmetic paper so that you can support your child in completing this homework. I will also send home a SPaG definitions booklet to help you understand the difference between determiners and subordination! **The children should be using Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables several times a week as well.**



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We continue to use the Accelerated Reader programme which ensures that children are reading books which are appropriate to their ability. Mr Griffith and I also keep a close eye on the books the children are reading and we expect to see them progressing through a variety of books throughout the year. We have a fully stocked bookshelf full of high-quality texts for them to choose from.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or queries. **I believe a strong teacher-parent relationship is essential to ensure your child makes the most progress they can.** I also know that a happy child who feels safe and cared for at school will make the most of their days so please keep me informed of any changes you feel may affect their well-being.

Yours sincerely

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