

Dear Parents,

I do hope that you and your children have all enjoyed a restful and happy Easter holiday. We are looking forward to the children's penultimate term in Class 6 filled with opportunity.

What to bring to school

As the weather can still be changeable, please ensure children have appropriate shoes and coat. Children should bring in their own **water bottle** every day, which can be refilled at school and taken home for cleaning. It is helpful if children can bring their own **pencil cases** with these suggested contents: one writing pencil, glue stick, ruler, six colouring pencils, white board pen, mini whiteboard rubber, pencil sharpener, black or blue free-flowing ink handwriting pen, purple biro. Please note that this equipment will be provided should they choose not to bring their own. Children should also bring in their current **reading book**, either one from the school library or one from

Curriculum

Our **overview** will give you an idea about the learning that will take place over this term. Please be aware that this is flexible in response to the children's interests and ideas. The class pages of our website has further details, including the Statutory Word List, spelling details, the class reading spine, termly knowledge organisers for maths and writing expectations.

Please note that this term we will continue with our class text, When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten – we can't wait to reveal the twist. We have a number of copies of the book in school, however, if you are able to borrow or buy a copy, it is beneficial, as the children engage more with their reading.



We will also be learning our new poem, Comet by Kate Wakeling.

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Lessons will continue to be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. On these days, children should come to school in their PE kit. We recommend that children wear comfortable joggers or leggings, their house coloured T-shirt and their school jumper. As we still want children to look smart, we encourage plain clothing without branding other than the school logo.

Homework

At home, you can help by continuing to listen to your child **read every day** and taking time to ask them questions about what they have read. Children that share books and book talk at home make significantly more progress than those who don't. Children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes daily. Additionally, we ask that children practice their **times tables** for 5 to 10 minutes a day. If you are looking for some additional practice in advance of the SATs, there are a number of past papers and mark schemes posted onto the Google Classroom. Please note these are optional. **Homework** will continue to be set on a **Friday** to be returned by the following **Wednesday**.

Dates for your diary

5th May – Bank Holiday

12th May – SATs Week a.k.a 'Cake week' - look out for details

19th May – Wellbeing Week

20th May – School Photos

22nd May – Athletics in school

Please do look out for other dates that will undoubtedly appear in the newsletter or by email. If you have any queries, please do speak to one of us.

Mrs Cartwright, Mrs Kielty and Mrs Brown