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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Six. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and that you and your child are ready for the year ahead! We are excited to welcome your child and are confident they will have a happy, stimulating and challenging time this term.

Throughout the Autumn term, your child's learning will focus on the fascinating topic entitled 'The Battle of Britain'. In English, we will be studying and exploring fiction and non-fiction texts connected with our theme. We will be reading and writing narratives, news reports, poetry, persuasive arguments and non-chronological reports. Maths sessions will include developing knowledge of place value, all four operations, fractions, and Geometry – shape, position and direction. Computing will look at computing systems and networks as a means of communication and, also 3D modelling. In Science, the children will build on the scientific knowledge they have gained to date, carrying out many practical activities to consolidate learning. The focuses will be Electricity and Light.

In Art, we will be creating textured drawings using stitching techniques to enhance the images. Design and Technology will have Year Six using their sewing skills to 'make do and mend' using recycled materials. In Geography, we will be looking at the maps of the D-Day landing and undertaking fieldwork in our local area. In History, we will be discussing the significant turning point in British History – the Battle of Britain, debating causes of changes and continuity, propaganda and sources. Religious Education includes how beliefs about God have changed and how religious/ non-religious people explain suffering.

PE will take place on Tuesdays (**outdoors**) and Thursdays (**indoors**) this year. Please ensure that your child comes to school on those days dressed in suitable clothing and footwear. It is advised to have clean footwear for indoors and trainers for outdoors. Children should also be wearing their school sweatshirt / jumper on those days.

Maths or English homework will be set on a Monday and will be a range of SATs style questions, using 'Learning By Questions' software. The code will be posted on Google Classroom and the task will run until 9pm on Friday. Topic homework will be given out when necessary. In addition, weekly work should be undertaken at home using their access to Spelling Frame; your child's password for this is in their 'Extra's Book'. It is important that your child completes all homework, as it will aid them with their learning and consolidate work carried out in school. We ask that children continue to read on a daily basis for a minimum of fifteen minutes. Children should continue to work on their multiplication tables.

In Year 6, you may decide to permit your child to walk to and from school independently. Please complete the spider survey to confirm that this is your arrangement for them.



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Children are permitted to bring their mobile phones into school, especially if this helps the after school arrangements. However, phones must be switched off as soon as the children reach the school premises and are handed in during registration to the class teacher. These will be returned to the child as they leave school at the end of the day. Please be advised that these are sent to school at your own risk.

During the year, the children will have the opportunity to watch extracts or complete films that are rated as 'PG'. We would be grateful if you could complete the permission survey in Spider.

If you have any questions regarding any of the topics above, or anything else, please feel free to email the office who will forward your correspondence onto us. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. K. Watson and Mrs. C. Kitchen



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