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Class 6 Spring Term 2019

Dear parents and carers of children in Class 6,

It's a new year and we are excited about the term ahead!

This term we continue to encourage year 6 to become independent and reflective learners. We can already see the pupils are maturing and becoming more able to manage their learning and behaviours in a calm and sensible manner. They are a fabulous group with many talents. These skills are vital for transition to Secondary school and will support positive learning in the future. This term we will also start planning transition visits to their new secondary schools.

This term our theme is 'Social Injustice' and Year 6 will be looking at various aspects including prejudice, slavery, law and immigration. This theme will be the basis for much of our cross curricular learning and many of our lessons. Before Christmas the children discussed which aspects they wanted to learn about and are excited about pursuing their lines of enquiry.

In English, we are beginning the term by studying different stories from history that include aspects of Social Injustice, such as Oliver Twist. We will be writing stories, reports and holding debates on this subject. We will also cover other aspects of Victorian Life and how the British Empire was formed.

We are planning a visit to RHS Rosemoor Garden on 1st March to study the art of William Morris. He was an inspirational Victorian Artist who used the natural environment to inspire his designs. We hope the children will get some inspiration from the visit to use in their own artwork.

We will continue to encourage regular reading in Year 6. We hope parents will support the pupils by discussing their reading at home. Talking about and understanding the meaning within texts is the focus

rather than the ability to read the words. Please continue to discuss the books your child is reading and ask lots of questions so that they can practice their reading comprehension skills.

In Maths, we will continue to study a wide variety of topics including using number, algebra, shape, statistics, problem solving and written calculations. Maths homework will include SATS booster suggestions and IXL. Please keep practising multiplication and division facts also – it will make maths so much easier!

This term we start to prepare for our Year 6 SATS but we have lots of other exciting things planned. Parents can support their children by using the SATS booster books they have purchased. Every week, we will suggest pages to support their learning in school.

The SATS meeting on 15th January will explain key aspects of the SATS this year. Key dates are May 7th which is SATS practice week and May 13th which is the statutory national test week. Pupils will be supported through the process and we will have special SATS breakfasts to ensure a great start to each day.

PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Waldron. Please ensure your child has a FULL change of kit (including trainers) in school EVERY DAY. We will also continue with our daily mile every afternoon.

If you would like to speak to any of the Class 6 teachers about any aspect of your child's education please do so. One of us is usually around after school, or you can make an appointment through the school office. There is also 'Parent Consultation Week' just before February half term in the week beginning 11th February when we can spend more time discussing your child's progress. Looking forward to an exciting term ahead

Mrs Gagg and Mrs Dickinson