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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have all had a super summer and everyone is ready for the exciting year ahead!

Year 6 is an important year for your child and I look forward to teaching, guiding and supporting them throughout the year with their learning. This term our learning will be based around the theme of 'Caring for our world', with a particular focus on air quality. Throughout this project we will be looking at our local community and also exploring what we can do for the wider community and nationally.

The move to year 6 is a very important time for your child. They are now the role models for the rest of the school and as such we expect them to be responsible and set a good example to all the other year groups. Year 6 pupils will often be asked to help in the school and be given the opportunity to develop their social skills by helping others.

In Year 6 we will help to prepare the pupils for the transition to secondary education. They will be actively encouraged to be more independent and self-reliant, taking much more responsibility for their own learning. We expect a high-level of good behaviour from all Year 6 pupils and rewards will be given for displaying these positive learning behaviours.

Home learning will be sent home every Friday, children will be given a maths and literacy task to be handed in the following Thursday. Each Friday I will send home spelling words linked to SPAG sessions (we will practice every day in class but will not be tested on these words). Please support your child in completing these tasks as they really do reinforce the learning done in school. If your child wishes to do any other learning at home, encourage them to use their home learning book (purple) so their efforts can be recognised and celebrated. Please remember that work in your child's home learning book should be done to the best of their ability and that the same rules about presentation apply as in their school learning books. Please ensure that you read with your child at least four times each week and that you focus on their understanding of the text, not just their ability to read the words on the page.

Children will read with an adult throughout the week, so they must ensure that they have their reading book and diary in every day. In addition to this please can you make sure that they have a named water bottle in school, so that they can have regular drinks throughout the day.

During the first half term Mr Waldron (PE) will be covering my PPA time on a Wednesday morning. Please leave PE kits in school, as I may also be teaching PE at other times throughout the week.

I'm really looking forward to the year ahead and please don't hesitate to come in and speak to me if you have any concerns or questions.

Best wishes,

Mrs Fidler