

Dear Parents,

With the term now underway we would like to take this opportunity to say Happy New Year and we hope you enjoyed the festive holiday period. Last term was very busy and the children performed brilliantly throughout this period. With this in mind we cannot wait to get started on another term. Our topics are called "Remarkable Rainforests" and "The Empire". This first half term we will be looking at tropical rainforests from around the world and looking at the ecosystems and living things found within them. We will then follow this by going back in time and looking at the British Empire, the Victorians and how this period in history has shaped how we currently live. More details regarding the topics are available in our curriculum map, which can be downloaded from our school website.

Year 5/6 Residential Trips

We are very excited that these trips are getting closer and closer. **Please can you make sure that all remaining balances are paid in full** before we depart for what will be an extremely exciting few days for both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

The final arrival/departure details for the year 5 trip will be sent out soon. Please keep a lookout for it in your emails.

There will be a Year 6 Hilltop Meeting before the end of term for all parents and pupils but further information for this will be sent out closer to the time.

A quick reminder of the trip dates:

Year 5 Trip: Monday 10th February – Wednesday 12th January

Year 6 Trip: Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June

PE Kits

Each PE lesson we have to remind children that they should have a FULL PE Kit in school at all times. They need; a plain white T-shirt, burgundy shorts and trainers. The weather throughout January, February and March can be very wet and cold so it is imperative that the children have a tracksuit for outdoor PE. This could be a school tracksuit, or alternatively, something warm and practical. We will be on the field and if the children do not have the appropriate footwear they will not be able to partake.

School Uniform

Just a quick note to remind parents that our school uniform policy states that pupils should wear **plain black shoes (not black trainers)** to school as part of their school uniform. These should be entirely black please.

Homework

Our latest 'Enrichment homework' includes some lovely activities covering a range of subjects – hopefully there will be something to appeal to all! Many of you joined us on our last open afternoon to view and celebrate all of the brilliant work produced. This is proving very popular with the children and having the opportunity to have feedback and praise from their peers is always very special. With that in mind, please encourage your child to complete a task (we are more than happy for work to be a joint effort between pupils and adults). Once again, this term you are invited to view all work produced and this will be on show in the hall at our open afternoon on Tuesday 25th February (the school will be open until 7pm to allow parents to visit in the evening).

SATs dates

A very important part of the school diary for the Year 6's are the national SATs assessments. These will happen during the **week beginning Monday 12th May 2025**. Please try to keep the time leading up to this week as relaxing as possible for the children. There will be a meeting closer to the time where all parents of year 6 children will be invited in to discuss the SATs and how to support your children as well as answer any questions you may have.

Thank you all for your continued support and please feel free to come to discuss any questions or concerns with any of our team.

The Year 5/6 Team