



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer. Now we're back we'd like to share some information about what's in store for our exciting Autumn Term.

This term, our main curriculum focus is an important and thought-provoking topic called '**Maafa**', which explores the history of slavery. We will be linking our History, Geography, and English lessons through this theme.

As part of our English work, the children will soon begin reading the class novel *Freedom* by Catherine Johnson, which tells the story of a young boy's experience of slavery in Britain. Alongside this, they will be developing their writing skills by creating newspaper articles, persuasive letters, and non-chronological reports.

In Science this term, the children will be learning about the function of the heart and the circulatory system. They will take part in a range of hands-on investigations, such as creating a model of blood and exploring how a real heart works, to deepen their understanding of how our bodies keep us alive and healthy.

Maths this term will have a main focus on number and the four number operations. The children will complete a range of tasks to practise their arithmetic and problem solving skills. We ask for your continued support with times tables knowledge as this is a fundamental skill for mathematical calculations.

An exciting term ahead with lots of learning.

Just a few little reminders:

**PE Kit** – Our PE sessions are timetabled for a Thursday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor) although it could, on occasions, take place on other days. For this reason, we ask that children bring their kits, both indoor and outdoor, to school on a Monday and take them home on a Friday. They will require black shorts (or leggings/jogging bottoms for outdoor sessions) and a white T-shirt. As the weather turns cooler, they may also bring a black tracksuit top to wear over their T-shirt or use their school jumper. Appropriate trainers must also be worn for all sporting activities. It is a statutory requirement that children take part in PE so please ensure your child has their appropriate kit each week. If their kit is not in school we will make you aware.



**Homework** will consist of; spellings, regular reading, practise of times tables, a regular written piece of English and Numeracy. Homework will be given on a Friday to be completed for the following Wednesday. Any changes will be noted in the homework diary. This will commence week beginning 15th September. We believe that homework is important to practise skills taught in lessons or to research information that would be helpful in school. In Year 6 it also helps children with the routine of completing homework which makes the transition to secondary school and the expectations there a little easier.

**Volunteers** – We are always keen to have parents in school and anyone who is available to come in and spend some time reading with the children would be extremely welcome – even if it were just an hour a week. If this is possible, please come in and see one of the Year 6 team. We are also inviting parents in to share experiences of their jobs, hobbies and cultures to expand the children’s horizons.

A quick reminder that the Year 6 team consists of Mrs. Howes, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Barker. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to one of us on the playground from 8:40 – 8:45 or after school if more time is needed.

Our Y6 expectation meeting is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, straight after school, in your child’s classroom. It will be a short meeting outlining your child’s year ahead and a time for you to ask any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you there.

Many Thanks,

Year 6 Team

If you have any questions and are unable to come in to school then please do not hesitate to email us through the school office.