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WHERE LEARNING HAS NO LIMITS

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 6 and Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all your cards and gifts at the end of last term. Also, may I give another huge thank you for your help with costumes and lines to make the pantomime such a great success at the end of last term. The children were superb!

This letter provides a brief outline of the curriculum topics covered during the spring term as well as information about forthcoming events and general reminders.

Curriculum Topics for the Spring Term:

English:

- Discussion and persuasive texts
- Written arguments
- Formal writing
- Journalistic writing
- Class novels - 'Carrie's War'/'Double Image'

Maths:

- Calculations in mental and written forms
- Problem-solving
- Percentages
- Speed
- Circles and their properties
- Pie charts
- Area and perimeter
- Volume of solids and liquids

Music:

- Charanga- musical performance and composition

Geography/History:

- Global Warming
- The Mountain Environment
- Ancient Greece

Science:

- Animals, including humans – includes human biology, especially the circulatory system, and healthy living
- Light – including how light travels and reflection

Computing:

- Control
- Animations

Art and D.T.

- A Sense of Place - landscapes
- Shelters

P.E.

- Gymnastics
- Games with Mr. Mullins (mainly outdoors)

R.E./P.S.H.E.

- Traditions and Belief about God
- Ethical and Moral Issues
- Local democracy for young citizens
- People who help us





PE

Our indoor P.E. time continues to be on a Wednesday with a focus on gymnastics, while outdoor games are on a Friday.

Homework

Your child will be receiving regular homework tasks related to the topics being covered in each area of the curriculum. This will help to consolidate what is covered in school and enable parents to become involved and informed on what is happening within the classroom.

Most homework tasks will be set to be completed within two days, allowing children having difficulties to seek assistance while encouraging a degree of routine. As a guide, the following schedule for homework will be:

Monday: spellings sentences and spellings to be learned for testing on the following Friday.

Tuesday: science

Wednesday: maths

Thursday: history or geography

Friday: English

This term, as part of the geography programme of study, the children will also be asked to compile a project on a mountain range of their choice. Information will be given later this term. In addition, please remember to encourage your child to **read regularly** at home as often as possible.

It is hoped that the children will feel proud of all they achieve. We expect homework to be completed to the same standard of presentation and care as in the classroom for any other piece of work. Pieces of homework that are completed well will be rewarded. However, a child may be required to redo the task in their own time at school if it does not meet the required standards.

Instances where homework is late will also be recorded, and if three pieces of work are late during a term, the child will lose a break or lunchtime in school. Establishing good routines and practice with homework will pay dividends when children transfer to their new secondary schools, something which will be an ever-growing consideration for all children as we enter 2019.

Visits and Events

There are a number of exciting events in prospect for this term:

- 24th January – KS2 Handball Tournament at Holmer Green Junior School
- 11th February- Eco Conference with Phil Williams at Pipers Corner School
- 12th February – performance of ‘The Addams Family’ at the Misbourne School
- 9th February – Speech Festival
- 14th February – KS2 Cross Country event, Hughenden
- 18th March- Echoes Concert at Royal Albert Hall, London
- 21st March – Tag Rugby Tournament, Great Missenden
- 1st April, Music Festival at Amersham



SATs

Towards the end of term, the children will begin a programme of revision in order to prepare themselves for the Key Stage 2 National Tests (SATs) which they will sit in May. There will be more information on this for parents later in the term.

Monitors

Children will continue to have the opportunity to take on responsibilities (e.g. assembly, recycling, classroom helpers, covering the school office, registers, etc.) and this is one aspect of Year 6 life that they take very seriously!

Equipment

Although we do provide some equipment in school, it is obviously more convenient for children to have their own basics in a pencil case. This should include items such as writing pens (Berol or cartridge type, not biros), writing and colouring pencils, eraser, glue stick, sharpener and ruler (preferably 30cm).

Water Bottles

It is very important that your child is sufficiently hydrated during the school day and therefore they may bring a bottle of water into the classroom. Please ensure that these have a sports style cap in order to avoid accidental spillages while they are on the children's desks. Bottles also need to be made of **clear** plastic so that it is possible to ensure that they contain water not juice or squash.

Parent consultations

Formal Parents' Evenings will be held later in the term. If you should have any issues to discuss while your child is in year 6, please feel free to talk to me after school or arrange an appointment to meet me.

Thank you for your continued support in helping the children succeed in and enjoy their time at LKCS.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C. Barnard