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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another term!

This term we will be Swimming on Wednesday and will have a PE session on Tuesday. Children can continue to wear their PE kits to school. We will be starting to play summer games like cricket and tennis this half term and preparing for sports day next half term.

Clarinet lessons have not changed this term so the children still need to remember their clarinet and any relevant sheet music on a Thursday. Please encourage your child practice at home as we will be participating in the WCET Festival at Trinity Park on 18th June.

Children still require a pair of indoor shoes and a pair of outdoor shoes at all times. Please ensure all children have a water bottle and sunhat in the warmer months.

This term in English we are doing things slightly differently! Whilst we will still be reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, we are not using it as a focus text. Instead we will be writing a biography about a chosen inspirational person, instructional writing (how to care for a mythical creature) and a letter of persuasion to Mrs Butler to see if we can convince her to let us on a school trip! Whilst the Year 6s are undertaking their SATs, Year 5 pupils will be undertaking a performance poetry unit of work!

In maths we are completing our work on fractions, decimals and percentages before moving onto Statistics (line graphs, bar charts, timetables etc). We will be reading and interpreting data from a range of sources and making our own tables, charts and graphs. We will also be consolidating learning about units of measure and converting units. We will be learning about mm/ cm/m/km/ml/l/g/kg. Again, I'd like to remind parents and pupils that all children have individual log ins for My Maths and Times Table Rockstars in which relevant homework is set weekly.

In science, we are learning all about 'living things and their habitats'. This means we will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environments. By the end of the unit we will also have covered the impact of natural disasters and global warming, recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

In history, we are learning all about banknotes! We will be naming the features of a banknote and we are going to be learning about the influential and important people who feature on Great

British currency. This includes Ellen Wilkinson, Betty Boothroyd, Mary Seacole, Alan Turing and Winston Churchill.

In computing we are designing webpages and in PSHE we are learning about mixed families in our 'Everyone is equal' unit.

Mrs Rankin has kindly invited the Year 5 children to join her and the EYFS/Nursery group at Forest School on a Friday afternoon. The children will remain on site, but will need suitable outdoor clothing. This will allow the Year 6 children to have some focused time with me to revise for SATs. Year 6s- your time for treats will come, don't worry!

This half term we also have SATs. This might mean that learning looks a little different for the Year 6 children as we will be doing extra revision and working really hard. There may also be some extra bits and pieces coming home. Although we are working hard to do as well as we can I just want to remind everyone, 'we are proud of all that you do, we don't need a test to prove what you can do'. More information regarding the assessments will be given closer to the time. Please wish the Year 6 children the best of luck!

Miss Mee