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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the start of a new term and after what has been a challenging time for everyone, we would like to provide you and your children with clear information regarding the upcoming Summer Term.

Reading – In Year 6, the books that your children are reading usually come from the library as part of our Accelerated Reader scheme. We encourage you to discuss and question your child on their reading book; this will help them when they come to quiz. Obviously, the comprehension of the text is very important and a child cannot move onto the next level of books until their understanding is secure. Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes can be taken at home but it is vital that children take these quizzes independently without adult support. Children should know their usernames and passwords but if they have forgotten, please contact your child's class teacher.

The website for taking quizzes can be found at:

<https://ukhosted51.renlearn.co.uk/2236651/default.aspx> and can be found on our Google Classroom.

Children should record in their reading record which page they have read up to, and make a quick comment. We recommend that children try and read for at least ten minutes, at least once a day. If your child takes a quiz, this should also be recorded, along with their score. Please can an adult at home sign the reading record comments **four times a week** in order to evidence that your child has read. Helping our children to become fluent readers is perhaps THE most important thing we can do for them. Reading books and records need to be in school every day; we will check and sign reading records every **Wednesday** to make sure that children are keeping up with their reading.

Curriculum – Our school website contains details of our whole school curriculum. In addition, please find a list below of topics being covered in Year 6 this Spring Term.

- PSHE – Relationships; Changing Me
- Computing – We are Advertisers; We are AI developers
- Design and Technology – Making a Pizza
- English – Earth Verse; Our Planet; Shrek
- Geography – Natural Resources
- History – Monarchy Changing Power
- Mathematics – Revisiting previous topics
- Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) – Do you have a pet?; What is the date?
- Music – Music and Me; Reflect, Rewind and Replay
- Religious Education – Christians: What kind of king was Jesus?
- Physical Education – Young Olympians; Gymfit Circuits (Athletics); Striking and Fielding; Swimming



- Science – Living Things and Their Habitats

Homework

Maths - Maths will be set every Friday with it due in the following Friday. This work will be based on work carried out during school to help consolidate or progress your child's learning.

Spelling - Each child will choose their own spellings from their spelling card and will write these in their red spelling book. We expect them to use two A5 pages to practise their spellings before being tested on them the following week (Thursdays). It is also very important for your child to have a clear understanding of the definition of each word that they are given to spell. All spellings will initially be taken from the statutory KS2 spelling list.

The table below is a helpful reminder with regard to what is needed in school each day.

PE – as stated above, PE is on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. For the time being, children can come to school in their PE kit on PE days.

Snacks - We would like your help to promote healthy snacks at break time. **Please avoid sending in crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars, or anything containing nuts,** and instead

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading Records and Reading Books to be in school each day				
	PE kit to be worn	Reading Records taken in	New spellings set and previous spellings tested	PE kit to be worn Maths homework handed in Maths homework set

encourage the children to eat a piece of fruit, a cereal bar or breadsticks, for example.

Labelling - Please may we kindly ask that all jumpers, coats, drinks bottles and packed lunch boxes are labelled with your child's name. As we are sure you will appreciate, finding and returning un-named lost property to children can be time consuming.

E-mails - Mr Veal can be emailed at cveal@decoyschool.co.uk and Mr Strick can be reached at tstrick@decoyschool.co.uk. Please be aware that it is school policy that there is no expectation for staff to respond to emails outside of their working hours.

Mr Veal (Falcons) works Monday – Friday

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support in what will continue to be an extremely positive year for all.

Mr Strick and Mr Veal

Year 6 Class Teachers