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### **Year 6 Autumn Term 2018**

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Year 6. We are delighted that the children have come back to school so enthusiastically and ready to learn. They are also looking really smart in their uniforms—please remember to put names into clothing and shoes.



**Religious Education** – we will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying the three topics: *Loving* (our Domestic Church Topic); *Vocation & Commitment* (a Sacraments topic); and *Expectations* (the Advent & Christmas topic). We will also learn more about Judaism this term.



**English and Our Book Based Curriculum** – this term we have some really exciting books to explore. If your child brings a copy of the book home, please make sure that they bring the book to school each day so that we can use them in the lesson, and, of course, please make sure that the books are looked after.

We are starting with *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman and we will be focusing on our topic question 'What makes me remarkable?' This links in to our Science work, in which we will learn about the circulatory system and healthy living. In Geography we will be exploring the topic 'Extreme Earth' including natural disasters and the climate.

We will then go on a Viking adventure in history. We will be newspaper reporters and investigate a Viking invasion. We will read *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien and write our own mythical adventure stories.

As Christmas approaches, we will turn to a more traditional tale, reading *The Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens and a range of Christmas poems. In science we will investigate electricity and make our own Christmas lights.



**Maths** – the children will continue to learn new concepts in arithmetic, geometry, data handling and problem solving. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their multiplication tables – it is extremely important that children know all their times tables fluently and at speed by Year 6. There are many online times table games children can play if they want a more ‘fun’ way to learn their times tables! Try [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk).



**PE:** Please ensure children have their **PE kit** in school **at all times**. In Year 6, the usual day for PE this term is Tuesday. However, this will change from time to time, particularly due to the weather. Please refer to the Home / School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write in your child's name.



**Homework** will be sent home on Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday. Homework will be a project based around our current topic, with weekly spelling and mathematics. Please encourage your child to read as much, and as widely, as possible at home, as this is very important preparation for the SATs. We expect that all children will read at least 4 times a week and this will be recorded in their Home/School diary.

**Homework Help** - There is a Homework club (Monday Lunchtime) if any children wish to independently do part of the work in school. If any aspects of homework are causing a concern please let us know.

Please remember to make use of the Home/School diary if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Please let your child know if there is a note in the diary so that it can be handed to the teacher in the morning.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Holanda & Miss Endsor*