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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and that your child is ready for some exciting and challenging learning in Year 6 this half term.

The way we teach some curriculum subjects is changing slightly this year – we will teach History, Geography, Art and Design, Design and Technology and Music for extended afternoon sessions over a course of three weeks which will support our children in retaining key elements of each subjects' knowledge base and really immerse them in their learning of each separate discipline. This half term we will teach blocks of **History**, extending the children's knowledge of the Ancient Greeks and focussing on Hoplite warriors and family life, and **Design and Technology**, where we will be making savoury flavoured bread.

In **Maths** we will be looking at place value, rounding numbers, comparing and ordering numbers, negative number, addition and subtraction, multiples and factors, multiplication and division. It would be great if you can help support your child's learning by looking at the resources in these areas online at BBC Bitesize - KS2 Maths.

In **English** we will write a persuasive speech based on the TV programme 'Room 101'. The children will have to write to try and persuade an audience that their pet hate should be banished from the world forever! We will also be developing our knowledge of the Ancient Greek Myths and re-writing one of the classic tales in our own words.

Our **Guided Reading** will explore various fiction and non-fiction texts and we will start reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as a class book. A reminder that children are expected to read at home daily, for around 20 minutes, **recording this in their Planners**, and parents should please **sign once a week** to confirm this. I would really appreciate your support with reinforcing this most beneficial habit - which helps with so many aspects of our learning. Happy reading.

Our **P.E.** lessons will be on Tuesday this half term, with extra lunchtime PE on Wednesday and Friday, so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on these days. There will be 2 sets of **Home Learning** each week. Maths will go out on Tuesday and needs to be back in on Thursday; English/Topic will go out on Friday to be handed in the following Tuesday. **Spellings** will go out on Friday and be tested the following week.

We will also be having exciting sessions with Mrs Lloyd this term for **Forest Schools**. This will take place on Thursday afternoons. You should have received a separate letter with details about this, including clothing, but if there are any questions about this or any other query relating to your child's learning, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Kind regards,

Mr Sharp