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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and that the children are ready for a busy term. We thought it would be useful to give you some information about the organisation of your child's class, as well as curriculum content for this term.

English and maths will continue to be set by ability. The sets are varied in size so that the third set has a greater teacher/pupil ratio.

In case you didn't know the set teachers are as follows:-

	Maths	English
Set 1	Mr Santy	Miss Stannard
Set 2	Miss Stannard	Miss Leftley
Set 3	Miss Leftley/Mrs Collis	Mr Santy/Mrs Collis

Curriculum Content

Maths	Place value (Th, H, T, U), Multiplication, Division, Money, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Shape, Angles, Measures, Addition, Subtraction, Data Handling.
English	Stories, Reports, Instructions, Letters, Persuasive Writing, Poetry, Non-chronological writing
Science	Forces The Earth in Space
History	The Space Race
Computing	3D Graphic Modelling and Interactive Presentations
R.E.	Why does God allow suffering? Easter Story
Music	Journey into Space - exploring programme music and dynamics
DT/Art	Rockets, drawing, collage, painting
French	Animals, Months and Birthdays, Sport
P.E.	Thurs. - Year 5 - Swimming, Year 6 - Dance and Gym Fri. - Games - Hockey, Tennis/Badminton, Cross Country

P.E.

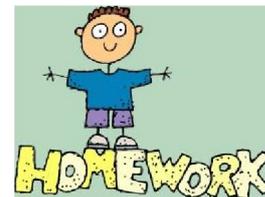
Games will continue to take place outside so warm clothes are needed. We recommend a sweat shirt and jogging bottoms. Please provide your child with a plastic bag to take home muddy trainers. We know that some children do not like wearing plimsolls, but they are a **MUST** for indoor P.E., along with a white T- shirt and shorts. P.E. kit must be named and

should be brought in at the start of the week so that it is available if a timetable change occurs.

Homework

Homework will be the same as last term; we follow the Government recommendations that Year 5 and 6 children have 30 minutes per night. The timetable is as follows:-

Monday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Tuesday	Maths - to be handed in on Thursday
Wednesday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Thursday	Reading (15mins) Spellings (10mins) Tables (5mins)
Friday	English or topic work - to be handed in on Tuesday



Some children like to do longer written assignments (and some do not!!). We try to balance this by giving extended homework projects as well as weekly ones. This half term the children will be asked to write their own autobiography. Written guide lines outlining our expectations will be given to the children, but will also be on the website. Please encourage your child to work on this regularly and not leave it to the last minute.

DEADLINE for completion is **Tuesday 7th February.**

To help children prepare for home work deadlines at High School, and to enable us to mark work, we ask that you encourage your child to complete assignments and bring it to school on time. If work is not done children will be expected to complete it at lunchtime and will also lose some "golden time".

Maths

This term we will be doing some work on "time." This will involve reading timetables on a 12 and 24 hour clock and calculating hours and minutes between one time and another.



E.g. Susan gets on a train at 13.45. Her journey to London lasts 1 hour 50minutes. What time does she arrive if the train is on time?

There are many children who cannot tell the time on either an analogue or digital clock. If you have the odd minute (no pun intended!) you could really help your child by asking them to tell you the time.

You could extend this to questions like...

It is 10.35am. We will leave for swimming in 40 minutes. What time will we go?

Or...

It is 16.20. Football will be on TV at 19.15. How long before it starts?

Reading

**Children should be encouraged to read
for at least 15 minutes per day.**



This term we are re-launching the "Roydon Reading Challenge." All the children will be asked to see if they can read at home at least twice a day (as well as reading at school). They will

have a "Book Worm" card which needs to be signed by you when they have read, either to themselves or an adult.

Although children in Year 5 and 6 are more likely to read to themselves it is **still** beneficial for them to read out loud, as it helps with fluency, expression and intonation.

Discussing the content of books they have read with an adult is also of **enormous** benefit. This will include answering basic questions about the text, then more searching questions to show children understand vocabulary and can read "between the lines".

Listed below are some ideas about how you can do this.

(These are some questions from an imaginary book but could be applied to other books.)

1. Why was Alan scared? How do you know this?
2. How old do you think Fred was? How do you know?
3. Did the boy get on well with his brother? Give your reasons, using the story to help you.
4. Using the text explain how the Alan felt when he was left behind.
5. Give 3 examples that show Mark was a brave boy.
6. What sort of person do you think Mary was?
7. "The boy snaked his way through the crowds."
Why do you think the author used the word "snaked" to describe the boy's movements?
8. Tom Barton was an **impatient** man. Find some examples in the text that show this?
9. Did you like the story? Make **reference to the text** saying why you did or didn't. (it is good/ boring is not acceptable!!)

Spellings

This term we will have regular phonic lessons - children will be split into 7 ability groups that will work on different sounds and spelling rules.

Spelling lists will be given to Mr Santy's group on Mondays and tested the following Monday. Children in Miss Stannard's and Miss Leftley's sets will also get their words on a Monday, but will be tested on Fridays. A reminder of the method of learning is in the front of the children's spelling books.

SATs WEEK

Year 6 take SATs in the week of May 8th - 12th. It is really important that children are not absent during this week or in the weeks leading up to it, so **please do not arrange holidays for this time.** There will be an information evening about SATs on **Thursday 16th March at 6.30pm.** More information to follow.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Happy New Year!

Dawn Stannard, Joe Santy and Jo Leftley