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Dear Year 6,

Welcome to one of the most exciting years of your primary school experience; we are thrilled to be sharing it with you! Although Year 6 is a demanding year in terms of what you need to achieve academically, there are many exciting learning experiences to be had along the way. Before we reach the end of the year, we hope that we would have approached the year in a way that means you will be ready for your secondary school education. This letter should give you all the information you need to make a good start to the year.

Teachers:

Eagle Class: Mrs McCormack

Falcon Class: Mr Wintle

Hawk Class: Mr Long

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Edmonds, Miss Frank and Mrs Hosking

Diaries:

So as to help you take more responsibility for your learning, you will be using a diary; you will receive this on the first day back in September. You'll have something like this in secondary school and one of our aims is to make this transition at the end of the year as easy as possible. We will use it for the following reasons:

- To record important dates and information.
- To acknowledge your efforts and achievements
- To record reading
- To stick in weekly spellings to be learned ahead of your test on Friday.
- To tell your parents about problems with homework, behaviour, uniform etc
- To allow your parents to keep in contact with us (a separate absence letter or details of medical appointments will still be needed by the school office.)

At the end of each week, we ask that both you and parent sign the diary to confirm that the messages have been seen. You will then need to hand your diary into your class teacher first thing on Monday morning so that we can reply to any messages and record your weekly reading. A good place for the diary to live is your school bag so that you have it in school every single day.

What will happen if I forget my diary?

After you have told your teacher politely, you will be asked to bring it in the next day. Forgetting to bring in your diary will be your first strike. You get three strikes per term and after the third strike you will be sent to the time out room. If you still forget to bring it in, your parents will be contacted.

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Reading:

Reading is the key to unlock many doors and should be taken very seriously. Year 6 expectations are as follows:

- You should read at home **five** times a week for a **minimum of 20 minutes**. At least two readings should be to an adult where possible.
- Ask an adult to sign your diary next to each reading.
- Hand in your diaries on a Monday morning to your teacher for signing off.

What will happen if I do not read five times a week?

It will be recorded by your teacher. You will also have three strikes for reading per term. If you use up three of your strikes, you will spend time in the classroom reading at a time decided by your teacher.

Homework:

Year 6 will be trialling a different approach to homework this year. Each child will be provided with two text books: one for Maths and one for SPaG. Each week you will be set the task of completing specific pages based on our learning in school. There will be times where additional tasks may be stapled into your text book. If this book is lost, it will not be replaced by the school. Photocopied sheets will be given as a replacement.

You also need to know the following about homework:

- Homework will be set **Thursday**.
- Spend **a maximum of 40 minutes** completing each piece of homework to the best of your ability.
- Complete both pieces of homework by **Tuesday at the latest**.

What should I do if I find my homework too difficult?

Speak to your teacher on a Friday or Monday and they will be happy to go through it with you.

What happens if I haven't completed my homework by Tuesday?

If you forget your homework Tuesday, you will be asked to bring it in on Wednesday. Forgetting or not completing your homework after that three times in a term will result in a trip to the time out room to complete it. Sometimes we all have difficult weeks at home for many reasons; this will be taken into consideration when dealing with homework that hasn't been completed.

Spelling:

The demands on you in terms of spelling are higher than they have ever been. Therefore, we will be setting spellings to be learned on a Monday morning during Morning Work. You'll be expected to spend time in school and outside of school learning these spellings. You will complete a test at the end of the week on Friday (during Morning Work). Scores will be recorded and

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credits awarded accordingly. The top ten spellers in each class per term will be receive a reward e.g. a trip to the park one afternoon.

PE:

PE is taught twice a week, usually on a Wednesday and Thursday. However you will need to have both your outdoor and indoor kit in school every day as our timetable can be affected by other events across the school.

Indoor kit: Black shorts and coloured house team t-shirt.

Outdoor kit: Black shorts, a coloured house team t-shirt and trainers (these should be kept in school). You will be encouraged to wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt when the weather is colder. Woolly hats and gloves are also a good idea for severe cold weather.

What happens if I forget my PE kit?

Mr Wintle does have a spare collection of PE kit which can be used. Like with reading, you will have three strikes per term. However, we will ask you to bring your PE kit in the very next day and show it to us. Three strikes will result in time in the time out room.

Expected Behaviour:

- Try our hardest to do our best and learn
- See the best in each other and respect each other
- Respect our school and learning environment
- Are polite, well-mannered and move around safely
- Are kind to each other and do not hurt each other with actions or words
- Listen to others and respect their point of view.
- Are proud of ourselves and proud to be part of the school.

What should I do if I feel worried about anything?

You can speak to any of the Year 6 teachers and teaching assistants at any time.

We look forward to our first day of learning together on **Wednesday 6th September 2017**. Have a restful summer break in preparation for a busy year ahead.

Mrs McCormack, Mr Wintle and Mr Long