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### Year 6 Curriculum Letter – Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year from the Year 6 team! We will hit the ground running this term in preparation for the upcoming SATs assessments in May. We have a busy term ahead and encourage the children to ensure that they are working hard at home in preparation for this. Daily reading and use of the CPG Revision Guides, are excellent ways of supporting your child.

#### English

Children are taught to develop a neat, joined, fluent style of handwriting. Spelling, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary are key aspects of English that we will continue to develop. We would appreciate it if these skills were also encouraged in homework activities. There will be a strong focus on comprehension, particularly evaluating and commenting on texts. As always, children should endeavour to read regularly at home. We will also be exploring the follow texts; 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare and 'Hound of the Baskerville' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

#### Mathematics

A strong focus is given to securing mental and written strategies in addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, as well as speed and accuracy in calculations. The children will have opportunities to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills in a range of mathematical concepts. We will continue to use Mathematics to set weekly assessments, as well as additional tasks, for children to revise their maths skills at home.

Science, for first half of the term will see us exploring Evolution and Heritance and in the second half, children will learn about the heart and the circulatory system. In computing this term, the children will begin an exciting project called 'We are Animators' where they will use iMovie to create their own stop-motion animation movie based on Macbeth. There will also be a focus on Online-Safety in every lesson. In geography is going to be our main focus this term where we will be exploring 'Mountains and Landscapes'. In art, the children will be using clay to create their own sculpture. In R.E, the children will be learning about what religions teach us to do when life gets hard and they will be setting up their own charity in PSHE for our unit of Community in Action. In P.E. the children will have a fantastic new opportunity to learn ballet.

#### Homework

Homework will be given on a Friday to complete over the weekend and returned on a Wednesday. Spellings will be given on a Friday to allow children extra time as they will be tested through the definitions every Friday. Please support us in reminding your child that their homework book must be treated with the same respect and care as all their other school work books. Please continue to encourage daily reading at home and we welcome comments on your child's reading in their homework planners.

#### Targets

You will have received your child's target sheet at the end of last term and we recommend that you discuss the targets with your child weekly. Their targets are crucial for helping them progress in all areas of the curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Uppal, Miss Sprenger and Mrs Castellanos, Miss Chowdhury and Mrs Bunce.

