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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new term!

The final year of primary school has arrived. Before we realise, the leaver's assembly will be upon us and the tears will be flowing... but not yet! We have a fantastic year planned and all that is required of the children is a positive attitude, a willingness to learn and a desire to improve. I do have very high expectations but this is because I want the very best for every child in my class.

There will be a meeting about SATs and year 6 in the coming weeks. Details to follow.

Here is a quick summary of things happening this term:

#### Maths

During this next half term we will be looking at many different aspects of maths. We will be focussing on the four number operations and place value. This includes:

- adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing (including decimals)
- Reading numbers up to 10,000,000 and understanding the value of those numbers.
- Looking at place value of decimals (up to 3d.p.)
- Rounding decimals and ordering decimals.
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Solving word problems using reasoning.
- Sequencing, factors, prime numbers and algebra.

As a team we will be acquiring a clear grasp of where they are and what we need to do to make them secondary ready.

#### English:

Our first area of study will be around autobiography and Roald Dahl's 'Boy' in particular. We will then be moving to narrative and short story writing. Our sentence work will focus on adding vocabulary, conjunctives, openers and correct punctuation.

Reading: It is vital now that the children begin to build their reading stamina and comprehension skills, ready for Year 7. Please do support your child to ensure that they read daily, and that you sign their planner to evidence this. Year 6 are expected to have a vocabulary of 40,000 words so the unfamiliar words in books are to be celebrated!

*Learning together to create a better future*

Writing will be a mixture of fiction and non-fiction. We start the half term with non-fiction and writing an autobiography using 'Boy' as a stimulus. In fiction we will be reading 'Grass' by Cathy MacPhail. Grass is a fantastic book that never fails to hook children and inspire some amazing writing,

Class Dojo:

Please keep contacting me via CD if you have any concerns or questions.

P.E. will be on Thursdays.

Homework: weekly tasks on TimesTables Rockstars. This will be set on Friday and the children will have until Friday to complete this. (Exception of the first week back where the task will be set on Wednesday and due the following Wednesday.

Spellings will be set on a weekly basis.

Class Dojo Portfolios: this is new to the school. I will assign children tasks on here to complete. No set weekly homework.

Trips for the year:

29<sup>th</sup> November – Computing museum Cambridge

Kingswood – separate arrangements

W/C 1<sup>st</sup> July – TGS science week tbc

I am looking forward to an exciting term!

Kind regards,

Mr Scott