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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

It is lovely to have your children back in school; they have settled in well and are working hard. We are all looking forward to a happy and successful year at The Blake School and hope this letter will provide all the information you need to support your child. As a new team, we are excited to work with your children this year and aim to bring the curriculum alive by providing a wide variety of learning opportunities over the year, as well as supporting individual learning where appropriate. Year 6 is an important year where we will be encouraging independence and helping your child to take responsibility for their learning in preparation for Secondary School.

Academic Expectations, Attainment and Progress for the End of Key Stage 2

As a school we believe in delivering a broad curriculum, based firmly on our whole school values. Whilst we feel it is essential to be aware of and aim to achieve the expectations required by the government in Reading, Writing (including SPAG) and Maths, we are firmly of the belief that progress is measured by each individual child achieving their next step and this may look very different from one child to another. The children will complete their SATs tests in May (week beginning Monday 9th May 2022) and further information regarding these will be made available to you later in the year.

Curriculum

Three times a year you will be able to see a curriculum overview of what will be taught within the different subjects on the Year 6 page of our school website. Subjects such as Maths, English (including spelling and grammar), Science, P.E., R.E. and Music tend to be taught discretely but we think about how best to teach other curriculum areas flexibly to inspire the children and link areas of learning. For example, this term's History topic 'World War 1' will also be taught through English and DT.

Homework

Each week, the children will be asked to learn times tables or number facts and spellings. They will have a reading task to complete alongside independent reading. There will also be a separate task related to the week's work or a cross-curricular focus. Homework will be set on a Monday and should be returned by Friday. Please encourage your child to talk to us if they are struggling with their homework, have any questions or need extra time to complete it.

Reading

We cannot stress enough the importance of still reading with your child at home, as reading is a necessary skill for all work at school. Reading books should be brought to school every day (this may be a book they are reading from home or school). As well as reading accurately and fluently, your child needs to be able to discuss what they have read, referring to the text to back up their answers. Over the year children will be

working on developing the skills and confidence they need to read aloud, with expression and to an audience, e.g. sharing their work with the class.

P.E.

P.E. is currently taught on a Tuesday afternoon. It is however important that your child has their PE kit in school at all times in case the time is changed, or it is needed for another activity. Please ensure all items are named. If your child wears tights, please make sure they have socks as part of their P.E. kit.

Our PE kit is as follows;

- Indoor kit – Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo) and black shorts
- Outdoor kit – Plain white T-shirt (with or without school logo), black shorts or jogging bottoms, sweatshirt (for cold weather) and trainers

Long hair needs to be tied back for PE and earrings need to be removed. PE is part of our curriculum and therefore all children are expected to take part. If there is a medical reason why they cannot participate please let us know.

Snacks and Water Bottles

We notice that children get very hungry in Year 6 – they are working hard and growing lots! Please ensure your child comes to school with a snack and a water bottle every day. We suggest snacks of fruit, crackers, a small sandwich or something similar. Please do not include crisps, chocolate or sweets.

Walking to and from school

Lots of children like to develop their independence in Year 6 by walking to and from school on their own. Please let us know if you give permission for your child to walk to and from school by emailing the school office, unless we have permission from you, your child will not be allowed to leave school without you.

Year 6 Residential - Quinta

You will be aware that in Year 6 we have a residential trip. We are currently planning to run our trip to Quinta Hall, in Shropshire, in July 2022, though this will be kept under review in the light of any national guidance. The residential is a real highlight of Year 6 and the children (and staff) have such a wonderful week away. We will be in touch later in the term with more details about the residential.

We look forward to a happy and successful year; please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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