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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer 1 term.

I do hope you and your child enjoyed the Easter break and the lovely sunshine.

This term our focus will be Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. We will be reading, watching and re-enacting the play throughout the term and will be basing our writing around the fascinating themes of the play. In addition, we will be looking at extracts from Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* whilst considering the question:

How far would you go to get what you want?

We will be considering the themes and characters and to support our SATs reading paper, we will be drawing inferences about characters' feelings and justifying these with quotations from the text.



In light of the SATs towards the end of this short term there will be no parent showcase.

Things to remember:

- Your child will continue to have **PE on Monday and Thursday** therefore they will need PE kit for both sessions. Please ensure your child has their kit in school all week. If your child forgets their kit we do have spare kit for them to wear but this does not include footwear.
- Please remember that we are now a paperless school wherein letters are emailed, thus it is vital you check your emails on a regular basis. For those who have not provided an email address, we will provide paper copies. As ever, copies of any mislaid letters can be obtained from the office.
- Please ensure your child has a waterproof/coat with them every day. Although the weather seems to be improving we like the children to be outside as much as possible during break and lunchtime even if it is lightly drizzling.
- Children are expected to read on a regular basis and bring in their reading diaries every Monday to be checked and signed.
- If you have a chance, we would love you to come in and read with the class please contact Mrs Yarrow directly if you are able to spare 30 minutes a week.

Homework reminder:

- ❖ Children are asked to read at least 5 times a week. In year 6 I have asked the children to comment on their reading in their diaries and not just note the number of pages they have read. They are expected to comment on their thoughts and feelings about what they are reading. Please encourage them to add any



new vocabulary they have discovered to support our class work. Our reading focus this half term will be to infer the character's feelings and to use quotations from the text to justify their thoughts. These too can be added to their reading records.

- ❖ Mental magicians/spellings will be tested every week. Please ensure your child is learning these at home by regularly accessing TT Rockstars.
- ❖ Children will also be given Maths, English and SPaG homework once a week, which again will be checked and recorded. If children fail to bring in their homework when it is due on a Tuesday, they will be expected to attend homework club to make up for this. The standard of homework submitted recently has been slipping, please ensure your child spends approximately 30-40 minutes on their homework, it is there to support their learning.
- ❖ A child can attend homework club of their own accord to complete homework with adult support.
- ❖ Children will be given a set of spellings which they are expected to learn and will be tested on. They are given in a fortnightly cycle to enable the children to embed their learning.

We are focusing on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson and undertaking handwriting practice regularly in year 6. With this in mind please be reminded that you and your child have free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**. This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join.

Year 6 will continue to come into school from 8:40 a.m. Monday to Thursday as this continues to be a success with the children being set focused tasks depending on need.

As always, if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please do not hesitate to catch me after school. You are welcome to email any concerns directly to Mrs Yarrow on ryarrow1.938@lgfmail.org.

Kind regards

Mrs Yarrow, Mrs Woods and Mrs Shah
Year 6 Team

