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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break and we trust you all had a good holiday. We would like to inform you of what will be happening in KS2 this term. It promises to be another busy and exciting time, with a very packed curriculum and activities planned to enhance your child's learning.

Our first topic this term is "Extreme Weather" which is a Geography based topic. Much of our learning will be based around different types of weather and their effects on the environment.

In Literacy we will begin with cineliteracy and the film "The Wizard of Oz". After watching the film we will be writing pieces of fiction and non-fiction. We continue to use the 'Talk for Writing approach' when possible. The Accelerated Reading Programme will continue this year. The children will be reassessed and reading books will be handed out. After each book is completed, an online comprehension test will need to be completed and then children choose another book. Moving up levels is at the discretion of the class teacher. Regular reading is vital to ensure good progress is made and this includes reading to an adult. GPS is also an important element of literacy and regular spelling, grammar and punctuation sessions will take place.

In Numeracy we shall continue to work on the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as word problems and shape and measurement. We expect the children to learn their times tables and basic number facts and will be giving them tips on how to do this effectively. Children who know their times tables are much faster at working out mental maths problems. Certificates can be collected for knowing these facts quickly.

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Children in year 4 will be tested towards the end of the academic year in a new Government test. This will involve quick recall of their times table facts. Maths will be taught within sets and different levels of challenge will be set accordingly.

The children will take part in two sessions of P.E per week. Please ensure that P.E kit is kept in school every day. Trainers are advised for outdoor PE sessions and plimsolls for indoor PE sessions. This ensures that if we have the opportunity to deliver extra activities, then

your child will not miss out. As the weather gets colder it would be advisable to provide a warm tracksuit of any colour. Please make sure all items are named. Earrings must not be worn for P.E and this is in line with the Essex policy.

For year 6, homework will be set on a weekly basis. It will be set on a Wednesday and taken in on the following Monday, allowing the children nearly a week to complete work set. Homework will be based on what the children have been learning in Literacy and Numeracy to consolidate their understanding. The majority of homework will be set using CGP books which the children will be given. Homework club will be available to the children at lunchtime on a Thursday. Year 3,4 and 5 homework will be topic based. The way they complete the homework is the same as they did in previous years. As soon as the new sheet goes home, they may start working on their own projects. This will be due in on Monday 21st October to allow time to share and celebrate work before half term. The second half term's work will be due in just before the Christmas break. We also expect all children to read regularly at home and really appreciate your comments in their reading diaries. It cannot be emphasised enough the importance of regular, quality reading, which then will improve your child's comprehension skills and widen their ideas for writing. As well as this, learning and revising number facts is essential.

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I would just like this opportunity to tell you about our parent's evenings which are coming up. They will be held on the 30th September and 1st of October from 1.30pm until 5.00pm. Letters will be sent out shortly so that you can book appointment slots with your child's teacher.

To enhance your child's learning in Literacy, a year 5 and 6 trip has been organised to go and watch the West End production of Wicked. This will take place on Wednesday 13th November. Details of this will be sent out to you shortly.

Some other important dates for year 6 parents:

- **Closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October.**

We look forward to an exciting term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Wainwright/Miss M Warnes
Key Stage 2 phase leaders Autumn Term 2019/2020

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