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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring 1 term.

May I first wish you all a very Happy New Year
This term our topic will be **Japan**. In our geography lessons we will researching and learning about this interesting and diverse country. In our DT lessons we will be designing and constructing Japanese style buildings and in our English lessons we will be writing an information text using our knowledge of Japan and its physical geography; and a set of instructions detailing how to build a Japanese building. A truly exciting and hands-on term!



Toward the end of the half term we are inviting parents, family and friends to see what the children in Year 6 have learnt and constructed. You will have an opportunity to view our showcase on **Thursday 14th February 2019**. The showcase will include our Japanese building display together with our Japanese artwork and English written work. We will be starting our showcase from 2:30pm and would love for as many of you to come as possible.

Things to remember:

- ❖ Your child will have PE on Monday and Thursday therefore they will need PE kit for both sessions. I am more than happy for children to wear joggers, coats and other winter clothing during the colder months. 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.
- ❖ We are now in the colder months, so please ensure your child has their jumper or cardigan and a coat with them every day.
- ❖ Children are expected to read on a regular basis and bring in their reading diaries every Monday to be checked and signed. Our reading focus this half term will continue to be inference and adding quotations to support our answers.
- ❖ 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.
- Mental magicians/spellings will be tested every week. Please ensure your child is learning these at home.



- 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.
- Year 6 will not be set a take-home task during this half term as we undertake more weekly homework which will begin to include revision practice for SATs.

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.

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 us before or after school. You are welcome to email any concerns directly to Mrs Yarrow on ryarrow1.938@lgflmail.org.

Kindest regards

Mrs Yarrow, Mrs Woods and Mrs Shah

