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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you all had a very good holiday and are looking forward to the coming year - it is going to be a very busy and challenging one for the children, but enjoyable too!

English skills will be developed in line with the 'Primary Strategy'. We shall be developing reading skills and looking at a variety of different writing styles, including poetry.

Maths will be taught in line with the 'National Numeracy Strategy Framework'. Skills will be taught and consolidated using 'real life' problems, with an emphasis on developing a range of mental strategies as well as pencil and paper procedures.

Our **Science** topics for the term are 'Change', for example looking at gases, liquids and solids, 'Interdependence and Adaptation' and 'Microorganisms'. Practical work will be aimed at consolidating and extending scientific, observational and investigative skills.

Our **Religious Education** topic will be looking at 'Special Books' this term and in **Personal Social, Health and Citizenship Education** we shall be looking at 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' alongside school topics of 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling out'. We have a visit from tutors from Stoke Mandeville Hospital booked for 4th October, as part of our studies.

In **Information Technology** pupils will have opportunities to use word-processing and graphics software and explore the Internet. The Internet will be a valuable source of information for our **History** topic of 'Victorians' and we will be visiting Milton Keynes Museum later this term, to link in with our history study - more details to follow. Mrs. Bushell will be teaching **Geography** this term, looking at the topic of 'Mountains'.

Our **Artwork** will involve working with different media to portray 'People in Action' and Mrs. Gooding will teach **Music**, when Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music will be explored.

Outdoor **Games** for this term will be focused on netball and korfbal, and indoors our **PE** activities will be based around gymnastics and dance. Physical Education sessions will be on a **Monday, Wednesday** and a **Thursday** but it would be useful if children had their full indoor and outdoor kit available in school every day, so they are prepared for these sessions.

Homework. In Year 6, the children will be encouraged to read every day (if possible to an adult) and learn spellings for weekly tests (spellings set on Monday, tested Friday). There will also be another task to do each week – these will include literacy, numeracy and science tasks as well as other subjects as appropriate, to build on work covered in class. The children have a homework book, in which they record the homework they are set (set on Friday, given in the following Wednesday) – please look at this and sign it regularly, so that you are aware of the activities the children are being asked to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns about the curriculum or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to a very successful year for all the children.

