

September 2025

Dear Class 6 Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to you all, especially to those of you who are new to our school community. I hope that you managed to get a well-deserved break during the summer, even though the memories of mine are rapidly fading! I would like to welcome Mrs. Stronge to our class who will teach Year 6 French, R.E. and handwriting every Friday morning – it will be like old times for many of the children!

This term's topic is called 'The World at War' and is about the Second World War. Some of the other subjects will be taught following elements of this theme. The science topics this term are: Electricity and Light. Please see the topic web for further details.

This term the children will be set a weekly English skills writing homework, which will begin on **15th September** and is set on a **Monday**. This will be set in Google Classroom. The children can then hand in their homework through Google Classroom. If anyone has difficulty with using this, then a book and printed copies of the homework can be provided. Any new children to the class will be introduced to Google Classroom before this.

The children will continue to learn spellings in class through our spelling scheme and the children will also have a log in to this scheme so that they practise spellings at home.

We are asked regularly 'how can we help at home?' **READING** is the key! There is a strong correlation between children's' reading ability and their writing and spoken language abilities. In KS2, we encourage children to adopt healthy reading habits at home. Therefore, all children have access to their class book corner daily and are able to change books when ready to do so. They will also have a reading folder containing their reading record and a card explaining homework. Any log ins they need to access websites at home will be attached to this card. In addition to our reading area in class, all the children have weekly access to the school library where they can take out books and change them when they have finished with them.

There will also be regular maths activities to be done at home too, which will start on **15th September**. This will be using a website called 'Times table rock stars'.

Year 6 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) are happening this year and are during the week beginning Monday 11th May 2023. The tests are: Maths arithmetic, Maths reasoning paper 1 and Maths reasoning paper 2; English Reading and English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. More details will be given about these will be provided in a SATs meeting to parents – date to be announced soon. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to look at some past papers so that you know the expectations for your child and what they are being asked to do.

Please note that your child should wear their PE kit to school on a **Monday and Thursday, if they are not swimming**. They will return home in their PE kit. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed for health and safety reasons. Please ensure that

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all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, thank you. Both our PE lessons are outdoors as much as possible this term.

We are continuing to use the on-line booking system for school dinners and request that you pre-book your child's meals to make the morning registration as quick as possible. At playtimes, we encourage the children to have a snack. Please ensure that it is either fruit or vegetables.

I am really looking forward to a happy and successful year in Class 6 and hope the children are too. If at any time you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss, then please come and see me as soon as possible; after school is generally the best time or you can email me at: **hedgehog@stpauls.cambs.sch.uk**.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Tracy Wolfe