



Aim High,
Dear parents/carers

Fly High

We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and we are pleased to welcome your child to Year 6! Following the odd circumstances of their return, our key focus will be settling them in, addressing any anxieties and focusing on good learning behaviours. We are sure this will not take us too long- children are adaptable and sociable- we are sure they will thrive being back together within our school community and Skylarks class.

Once we are settled, we will have a very busy term ahead of us, starting with our new topic '*Explosive Earth*.' In this topic we will study Japan and particularly the 'Ring of Fire', looking in detail how Earthquakes and Volcanic eruptions occur. In the second part of the term we will look at Pompeii, its historical evidence and what it tells us about life in the past. In addition, this term's science topics will be: 'light and living things and their habitats.' More information about the learning we will be doing this term can be found on the curriculum grid

Due to the staggered start and end times our timetable this year will be quite different with much of our core subject learning (Maths, Writing, Grammar, Reading) taking place in the morning sessions. Year 6, will also have early morning learning and revision activities before registration so it is important that your child is present on time each morning and has had a good night's sleep.

This term P.E. will be on Wednesdays and will be outside PE only. Please ensure that your child has appropriate P.E. kit (plain white T-shirt, shorts or jogging trousers, sweatshirt and suitable footwear for outside activities). Please also be aware that, for health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for P.E. Due to the situation with Covid-19 children will not be able to change for PE sessions in school and so will be expected to wear kit to school on a Wednesday. Children will also run the daily mile each day and will have an outdoor learning session every week (these sessions will start in the next few weeks). For this reason, we request children wear trainers or robust shoes with their uniform for the rest of the week.

Children are welcome to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack during morning playtime. We encourage children to bring a named bottle of water to drink during the day which will be returned for washing every evening. Children are also required to bring their own hand sanitizer and tissues. To carry these items, children may bring a **small bag** to school each day. Please remember we do not currently have access to the cloakrooms so the children must be able to hang this small bag on the back of their chair inside the classroom. If children choose a pack lunch they should bring that too. Lunches will now be eaten in the classroom.

The complete grid of home learning will be emailed out and put onto Starz at the beginning of each half term. This will specify which activity your child needs to complete each week. In Year 6 this grid home learning is compulsory as it includes revision tasks and we feel it helps prepare the children for secondary school. The weekly tasks must be completed and sent back via Starz every Tuesday. In addition, children will be expected to use Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed to practise key skills and will be assessed on their progress in spelling weekly. Your child should read regularly at home and on a Friday they will be given a set challenge relating to our Guided Reading learning. This should be returned to school via Starz by the following Tuesday.

Following these unprecedented times, if you feel you have a concern that you need to discuss with us at more length, we would be happy to meet you. This can be virtually or in person at a social distance and you will be able to make an appointment with us through the school office. **You will not be able to come into school or speak to us without an arranged appointment.** Quick notices can be passed to us via the school office or by leaving a message with the member of staff on gate duty.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Kindest regards,

Miss Medley and Mrs Johnston