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Alder Class – Summer First Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Easter Holidays. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break, and are now ready for the Summer Term. This is an important term in which children will need to work hard and apply themselves in order to meet their year group's expectations and show good progress.

The next four weeks will be rigorous for the Year Sixes as they work on a focused SATs revision and preparation timetable. A reminder that SATs week is the week beginning Monday 14th May. Please support your child during these weeks by ensuring that: they are doing their **daily** revision homework; they are turning off their gadgets and doing some quality reading **every evening**; they are getting to bed in good time, both during the week and over the weekends, and having a good night's sleep and that they are having a hearty breakfast.

Our Topic this half-term is *Brilliant Britain*. We will be looking at some of the many things that make Britain a great place to live and are worth celebrating – please find the new Topic and Homework webs attached.

Homework and Reading:

The Year Sixes have received an adapted homework web today. For the following four weeks, leading up to the SATs, they will continue to focus on their SATs Revision: 10 minutes a night working on a SATs Buster Book, Reading and Times Tables Practise. They have two tasks linked to the Topic. These tasks are to be completed on Week 5 (SATs week) and Week 6 (the week after SATs).

I am putting an emphasis on reading as the texts they will receive during the SATs Reading Test will be challenging. Please help me by ensuring that your child is reading daily, choosing age-appropriate books and reading with an adult a couple of times a week. Also, please check that your child has recorded their reading in their Reading Record – this is used as evidence towards the Year Six Reading Expectations Teacher Assessment .



P.E. and LOtC Kit

P.E. will continue to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday this half-term. We will be outdoors as often as we are able, even if it is raining lightly! Your child will need to have their **full P.E. kit**, including suitable outdoor gear, **at school all week**. Please also check that your child has the correct school P.E. kit. LOtC lessons will be woven into various lessons and, as such, **all LOtC kit needs to be at school every day**. Swimming for selected pupils continues to take place on alternate Thursdays, beginning this week – Thursday 19th April. Please check that your child has their swimming kit, including a hat and a towel, if they are part of this group.

I look forward to a half-term of hard, focused work and good progress in Alder Class. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs D. Dafforn
Alder Class Teacher