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Welcome to Year Six - Alder Class!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and to Year Six after what I trust was an enjoyable and refreshing Summer Holiday. Year Six is both an exciting and challenging year. It is a year for milestones to be celebrated as the pupils enjoy their last year of primary school: reflecting back over their first years of school while also working hard to prepare for both their end of Key Stage Two SATs Tests and High School. This makes it a busy and focused year with hard work and responsibilities - being Buddies to Reception and Year 1 pupils, prefect duties and being the 'senior pupils' at Cawston Primary Academy. Equally, it is a year full of fun and rewarding learning experiences. While the expectations will be high and every day will be focused on learning, my aim is for everyone in Alder Class to enjoy every aspect of school, have a great year and to achieve their very best.

Our class topics for the year are as follows:

Autumn Term, 1 st Half	Who's the Mummy? (Ancient Egypt & Egypt Today)
Autumn Term, 2 nd Half	Homefront Heroes (World War Two)
Spring Term, 1 st Half	Pole to Pole (Shackleton's Journey)
Spring Term, 2 nd Half	Brilliant Britain (Post-war Britain to Present Day Britain)
Summer Term, 1 st Half	Tomorrow's World (World of Technology)
Summer Term, 2 nd Half	A Time to Shine (From Primary School to High School)

Please find this half-terms Topic Web attached to see what we will be learning about in Year Six.

Reading

This week I will ensure that everyone in Alder Class has a Reading Record, be it new or continuing on from last year, and a reading book. We will continue to use Accelerated Reader - this means that your child will be reading books accurately matched to their reading level **every day** at school. The expectation is for Year Sixes to also be reading **daily at home for a minimum of 20 minutes**. All reading should be recorded in their Reading Record. We will be checking these regularly as well as listening to reading. I also strongly encourage you to continue to listen to your child reading (once or twice a week) and to talk about what they have read to check their understanding. Regular reading as well as reading a variety of books and text types (for example magazines, newspapers and blogs) will help with both reading fluency and comprehension.



Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday.

Weekly homework will consist of:

- Homework web tasks - **one** task to be completed each week
- Spellings - practised on the sheet and learnt well, ready for the **weekly spelling test every Monday**
- Times Tables - to also be learnt to ensure that your child knows their tables fluently by heart and can recall them and use them within longer calculations, e.g. multiplication and division
- Year Sixes will also receive revision work as the year progresses, in the form of 'SATs Buster' Books.

Please help your child to complete their homework, particularly helping them to carry out any research. All homework tasks are to be **neatly presented** in their Homework book and handed in on a Tuesday. This half-terms Homework web has been glued into new homework books and brought home, ready to begin.

P.E. Lessons & Swimming

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please check that your child has their **full PE Kit**: white t-shirt and red shorts; black joggers; sturdy sports trainers and socks. **All PE Kit needs to be clearly labelled with their name** and brought into school in a secure draw-string bag (no plastic carrier bags nor bulky tog bags). PE Kit must come into school **every Monday** and left on their coat peg for the week.

During this term pupils working towards their 25m swimming target will attend swimming lessons for their PE every alternate Thursday, beginning on Thursday 13th September (a swimming letter will follow shortly).

LOtC

All pupils need to have their own waterproofs and pair of Wellies. Please ensure that your child has these items in ASAP, clearly labelled with their name and in a sturdy, non-bulky bag. LOtC gear can be left on their coat pegs for the half-term, ready for whenever we take our learning outdoors.

Bake Sale

Alder Class will be having their class bake sale on **Friday 14th September**. Please do support this by providing baked goods - homemade or shop-bought. The more we get, the more we sell and all of our profit will go towards a planned class trip, to help to reduce the cost. Also, please let me know if you are able to help with setting up from 2:45pm and the selling.

Egypt Day

We will be having a class Topic day about Ancient Egypt on **Friday 21st September**. We will be doing a wide variety of activities, covering aspects of the curriculum, many of which will be practical (mummifying tomatoes, creating Egyptian collars and making canopic jars to name a few). To help to cover the cost we ask each pupil to bring in £3 by Monday 17th September. *Please note that this is not a dress up day.*

I look forward to a busy, focused yet fun year with **LOTS** of learning taking place! If you have **any** questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to meet with me.

Kind regards,

Mrs D. Dafforn
Alder Class Teacher