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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 three 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 13th May.** Please support your child during these weeks by ensuring: 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 restful night's sleep and that they are having a hearty breakfast.

Our Topic this half-term is *Tomorrow's World – World of Technology* although we will begin by continuing with our previous Topic, *Brilliant Britain*. In *Tomorrow's World* we will explore current and possible future technology, think about its pros and cons whilst also doing some practical Computing and Technology work – please find the new Topic web attached.

Homework and Reading:

The Year Sixes have received an adapted homework web today. For the following three 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, spelling and times tables practise as well as daily reading. They have two tasks linked to the Topic. These tasks are to be completed on Week 4 (SATs week) and Week 5 (the week after SATs) however, it is strongly advisable that these two tasks are planned ahead of these weeks.

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.



Uniform, P.E. and LOtC Kit

Please check that your child is wearing the correct school uniform daily, including a school red jumper or cardigan and the correct school shoes (no trainers). Your child will need to have their **full P.E. kit at school all week**: white P.E. t-shirt (not the school Polo shirt that they are wearing), red shorts, socks and trainers. P.E. kit needs to be labelled with their name and in a separate P.E. bag. LOtC lessons will be woven into various lessons and, as such, **all LOtC kit needs to be at school every day**.

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