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Dear Parents

We hope you enjoyed the summer break. The children seem refreshed and ready for the academic year ahead. They all looked very smart as they returned to school in full school uniform. Thank you for kitting them out so well.

This year topics in Year 5 and 6 are as follows:

Year 5: Autumn Term - Invaders - Anglo Saxons and Vikings
Spring Term - Mexico and the Mayans
Summer Term - World War 1

Year 6: Autumn Term - Disaster! (Natural Disasters)
Spring Term - Out of this World (Space)
Summer Term - Greeks

The children are welcome to bring in books or artefacts they may have related to the topic to share or display in school.

If you are willing to offer help in class or provide information/expertise about a topic, please contact the class teacher; it will always be greatly appreciated.

As you will be aware, many of our Year 6 have ventured off to Pencelli this week. However, if your child is remaining in school, the day will still follow the same times as usual (along with lunchtime arrangements), but the children will remain in Mr Light's classroom for this week. The children staying with us will be involved in a special project for the week, so will not miss out on having fun!

PE days for term one are:

<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Tuesday (indoor)	Monday (outdoor)
Friday (outdoor)	Wednesday (indoor)



Please ensure children have full PE kit in school with them every day, and that they are able to remove all jewellery themselves (including plain stud earrings). In the cold weather we would also encourage children to bring tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE – pupils must not wear normal school shirts and jumpers during PE.

Homework:

Maths and English homework tasks have changed for this academic year, but the homework schedule remains the same and will continue to be set on Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday, or the second Wednesday if a two-week project homework has been set. We would also ask that reading records are handed in on the Wednesday in order for the class teacher to sign them. Please support your child with regular reading, spelling and times tables practice as well as the specific activities set each week

A reminder that snacks for playtime should be ‘healthy’ (i.e. no chocolate bars or crisps). Water bottles should be brought into class to enable regular drinks of water.

One important date for your diary is Year 6 ‘SATS’ week which will be 13 – 16 May 2018. Please avoid booking any appointments during this week.

Dates for your diary:

10/09/18- 14/09/18: Pencelli Y6
18/09/18: Meet the teacher event
02/10/18: School photographs (family and individuals)
October 24th – November 4th Half Term
05/11/18: First day of term 2
09/11/18: Dental hygiene workshops in school
09/11/18: Autumn Statements to go out
13/11/18: Parent Consultations 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
14/11/18: Parent Consultations 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
14/12/18: Christmas Fayre
19/12/18: KS2 Christmas dinner
20/12/18: Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
21/12/18: Last day of term- children go home at 12:00 noon

Finally, should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Year 5/6 Team

Mr Light

Mrs Burch

Mrs Parry-Williams

Mr Little

Mr East