



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a wonderful and restful two week break and are ready for the new term ahead. As before, Miss Stephenson will be working Monday & Tuesday, Nicola the remainder of the week; with Kristina, Ms Ouazene and Vicky (Tuesday).

Topic: Our topic this term will be The Mayans

Homework: Please find the creative homework ideas attached.

There will also be **weekly spellings** to learn, these will continue to go home on a **Friday**. Use Look, cover, write and check to help your child learn these as well as asking them to recite them at random points throughout the week.

Our weekly arithmetic slot will continue each Monday; however, this will now be extended to a 30-minute slot rather than 15 minutes. This is the same amount of time and questions that will be given for the SATS paper 1 assessment and so is to ensure that the children are able to work confidently with the pace and confidence required on the day. The questions that they answer during this time will be sent home with them at the end of the day – please do continue to have a look over these with them.

We ask that you hear your child read aloud every day for 15 minutes or so and that you continue to read to your child every day for as long as you like. Afterwards, you can set them something to do in their Reading Journal. This can be drawings, cut outs, character descriptions, comic strip versions, summaries. It can be a lovely record of their reading journey.

This half term we will be starting Active Read. This is a reading programme that practises five different reading skills to support answering questions in the SATS. Each day of the week we will practise a different skill:

Monday – The meaning of words in context

Tuesday – Retrieval

Wednesday – Summarising

Thursday – Inference

Friday – To justify reasons for an answer

The children will all have a copy of the text in their reading journals so please do have a read through it together.

Dates for the diary

Spring Trip: British Museum (TBC)

PE: Wednesday & Thursday (please bring full PE kit into school)

Music: Lessons will continue as they were last half term

Spelling Test: Every Friday

Best wishes, the Year 6 Team