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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we are keeping everything crossed for a smoother ride this year! We are so looking forward to welcoming the children into the classroom for their final year of primary school. Our aim is to make learning as fun as possible and we are excited to see all that our Year 6s achieve.

Useful information

Organisation: Mrs Harris will be teaching all-day Mondays and Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Panter will teach Wednesday afternoons and all-day Thursdays and Fridays. Although we teach separately, we are in constant communication throughout the week to ensure that we are both fully aware of what is happening in class.

Our class TAs will be Mrs Newcombe and Ms Houston. They are also hugely looking forward to welcoming the children back.

Communication: Every child will be given a new reading record. These are to be used for two things: to record when they have read (see further details on this below) and as a form of communication between yourselves and us. There is space each week for you to write a note should you have any information that you need to pass on. The children will be taught an easy system in class that allows us to know that there is a message that we need to see. Alternatively, you may wish to contact us via the office email: office3122@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk We will try to respond as soon as we can, but please be aware that this may not be on the same day due to teaching commitments.

SATS: There, we've said it! We know that there are many who may have relished the fact that SATs didn't take place over the last two years but they are set to return in 2022. We will hold a meeting to discuss any changes to the previous system and answer any questions you may have about what the tests involve. Please see 'Dates for your diary'.

Homework: There are weekly tasks that are set on Teams which usually consolidate what we have done in class that week. We would very much appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete their homework. It sets them up brilliantly for secondary school and effort is always rewarded. Feedback is given on Teams that the children can read, and you may like to take a look too! Full guidance will be given prior to the first homework set for this year and each week Mrs Harris will go through what has been set with the class as a whole.

Reading: Please encourage your child to continue to read at home, about fifteen minutes each day. As homework, children are expected to make at least four entries into their reading record. Should they achieve this, they will be rewarded with a star on their reward chart. We also celebrate all our 'star readers' on the display we have up in our classroom.

Children are welcome to bring in books to read from home, however, our shelves are full of brilliant books that we would recommend to all, so please don't feel that it is necessary to bring their own.

The Pioneer: Excitement will build as we move closer to March next year as we will be off to The Pioneer Centre, Shropshire, for our five-day residential. It is always the highlight of the year, both for the children and us (!), and we love how fears are faced, friendships made and independence gained. We will hold an information meeting soon which will allow you, and the children, to find out more about the trip and ask any questions you may have. Again, please see 'Dates for your diary'.

PE: The children will need a full PE kit in school on Mondays and Thursdays and this will then come home for washing every Friday. No jewellery should be worn during lessons - please ensure that earrings, if they cannot be removed, are covered with surgical tape.

Lessons are most likely to be outdoors, and therefore children will need an extra layer or jogging bottoms instead of shorts. Trainers are essential.

Swimming will take place on Monday afternoons until October half-term.

History: We will travel back in time to learn about life in Ancient Greece and the four main time periods of the Greek Empire. We will learn to think and question like a real Ancient Greek historian by exploring different types of historical sources. We will learn what the Ancient Greeks believed in, about Ancient Greek philosophers and who won the Peloponnesian War. We will use our artistic skills to create Greek pots and masks as we learn more about everyday life in Ancient Greece. We will learn about the lasting influence of Ancient Greece on the western world. We will learn why Alexander III of Macedon became known as Alexander the Great and what happened to the Greek empire under his leadership.

Geography: The geography of Ancient Greece played a huge role in the development of its city-states. We will learn about the lowlands, mountains and coastlines of Ancient Greece and how each of these three regions provided something needed for a civilization to thrive. We will use maps and atlases to identify the main mountain ranges in Greece and learn how the mountains played an important role in Ancient Greek religion.

Term 1 & 2 RSHE Content for Year Six: As we communicated in our Relationships, Health and Sex Education consultation, we will be keeping you regularly informed about content to be taught in the term ahead.

This term, your child will have the following Jigsaw topics:

Term 1	Being Me in My World- identifying goals for the year, global citizenship, children's universal rights, feeling welcome and valued, choices, consequences and rewards, group dynamics, democracy, having a voice, anti-social behaviour, role-modelling
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Term 2	Celebrating Difference- perceptions of normality, understanding disability, power struggles, understanding bullying, inclusion/exclusion, differences as conflict, difference as celebration, empathy
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The vocabulary used will be:

Term 1	Goals Worries Fears Value Welcome Choice Ghana West Africa Cocoa plantation Cocoa pods Machete Rights Community Education Wants Needs Maslow Empathy Comparison Opportunities Education Choices Behaviour Rights Responsibilities Rewards Consequences Empathise Learning-Charter Obstacles Cooperation Collaboration Legal Illegal Lawful Laws Participation Motivation Democracy Decision Proud
Term 2	Normal Ability Disability Visual impairment Empathy Perception Medication Vision Blind Male Female Diversity Transgender Gender diversity Courage Fairness Rights Responsibilities Power Struggle Imbalance Control Harassment Bullying Bullying behaviour Direct Indirect Argument Recipient Para Olympian Achievement Accolade Disability Sport Perseverance Admiration Stamina Celebration Difference Conflict

Please see the RHSE curriculum page of our school website for further information.

Birthday celebrations: As part of our healthy school approach, we no longer are able to hand out sweets, cakes or gifts to the class from the birthday girl or boy.

Dates for your diary:

22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th September - Bikeability (Details to follow)

Monday 27th September - Pioneer Information Meeting

Friday 22nd October - INSET Day

Monday 1st November - SATs Information Meeting

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November - Parent/teacher meetings

Year 6 is such a busy year, with lots of wonderful things taking place. We are looking forward to making lots of happy memories with your child during their final year at primary school.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the forthcoming term, please do get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Harris, Mrs Panter, Mrs Newcombe and Ms Houston