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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to Spring 1 in Year 6.

May I first take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and to thank you all for your Christmas cards and gifts -it was most thoughtful of you. I do hope you and your family enjoyed the Christmas break and your child is now ready for the activities and exciting work planned for this half-term.

Our topic this term is Japan. In our geography lessons we will be researching and learning about this interesting and diverse country. We will be writing to inform creating an interesting fact page on an aspect of Japan that particularly interests your child. Our second piece of writing will be influenced by the Japanese folktales we read and listen to in class. Your child will use their understanding of the folktale to write their own.

Key dates for the half-term:

- **Monday 2nd January 2022 – Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 3rd January** – First day of the spring term
- **Thursday 12th January** – Cobnor Activity Centre meeting 3.30pm
- **Friday 27th January** – Careers Day (more information will be sent out)
- **Thursday 2nd February** – SATs meeting for all Year 6 Parents and Carers, 3.30pm in Year 6
- **Monday 6th February** – Safer Internet week
- **Friday 10th February** - End of half-term.
- **Monday 20th February** - First day of spring 2.

Things to remember:



- Your child will continue to have **PE on Monday and Thursday**. They will need to wear their PE kit for both sessions. In light of the colder weather children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for outdoor P.E.
- Please remember that we are now a paperless school wherein letters are emailed, thus it is vital you check your emails on a regular basis.
- We are still very much in the wetter and colder months and we do like the children to be outside as much as possible during break and lunchtime even if it is lightly drizzling. Please ensure therefore that your child has a waterproof **coat with them every day**.

Homework reminder:

- Children are asked to read at least 5 times a week. Please encourage your child to read a variety of books both fiction and non-fiction. This will improve their vocabulary and their writing tremendously. Please do ask your child about their reading. Questions on what might happen next; what has happened so far; discussions on how characters are feeling; and comments on the use of the author's language would all be ideal to support your child's comprehension skills.
- Please ensure your child is learning their times tables at home. They can still access **TT Rockstars** and there are a number of multiplication activities on the **My Maths** website. All children have been given their log-in details, if they have been mislaid do let us know as we have duplicates at school.
- Homework will continue to be set on **Thursdays** and it will be due in by the following Thursday. This will comprise of: reading comprehension activities; maths questions on **MYMATHS**, grammar and spellings. Please support your child with their home learning. We will be running a Homework Club during the week for those who may need support with their homework and for those who have failed to complete it on time.
- In order to further support your child please encourage them to continue to work on spellings as this will help them greatly this year.

If your child has lost their TTRS or MYMATHS usernames and passwords, or their email address and password, please let us know and we can give them to your child again.

A number of children were regularly failing to complete their homework last term and despite attending homework club, were still falling behind on the tasks set. This term the office will send you notification if your child has not completed their homework. Please encourage your child to do the homework as the tasks now set will be supporting and underpinning their learning in preparation for their move into the final year of primary school.

We are continuing to focus on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson. With this in mind please be reminded that your child still has free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**. This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join.

As always, if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: dwilliams106@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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Year 6 Teacher and Upper Phase Leader