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Dear Parents

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Joanne Seddon and as you know, I am new to the school. For the past ten years, I have taught across the Pennines in a school situated just outside the town of Wigan, which is where I am originally from. I'd just like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to year 6. I have had a wonderful start with your children and very much look forward to the year ahead.

PE

This term, PE will be taught on Mondays and Tuesdays so can you please make sure your child has their full kit in school on that day. The focus for this term is tag Rugby and sessions will be taught by an experienced coach in this area as well as me. As sessions will be taught outside, for health and safety reasons, it is important that your child has adequate footwear (ie studded boots).

Reading Books

Your child may change their reading book daily and we will keep a record of when this happens. Please read with your child as much as possible and encourage them to talk about their understanding of the text as well as the use of exciting words and phrases.

Homework

Most homework will be handed out on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. Homework may be in different forms from activities to consolidate new learning in school to research for a new or existing topic. Please encourage your child to complete their homework, following the same levels of presentation as expected in school.

SATS

As you are aware, Year 6 children are formally assessed in May in Maths, Reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) including Teacher Assessments in writing. Even though these tests are important, I do not wish your child to worry! Work throughout the year will build up to these and as in other year groups, children will be assessed regularly to ensure they are on track.

Events

There are lots of exciting things happening in school this term, especially for Year 6. Our trip to Robinwood is almost upon us and I am thoroughly looking forward to this experience with your children. I think it is important for a teacher to see children 'outside' of the classroom and I am sure the experience will help them develop many new skills. Can you please ensure your child brings the correct kit and if you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact school.

Following this, the whole school will be visiting Dalby Forest. During the day, Year 6 will be completing the 'Rainforest Trail', linked to our current topic. During the trail, we learn many new facts about life in the Rainforest and perhaps appreciate further what it would be like to live there.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Your support and efforts will help enable an enjoyable and successful start to the year. If you have any queries, please come in to see me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Seddon