



Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! We are delighted to welcome the children back. It will be a busy term as we begin our preparation for the SATs. Please look out for seesaw messages from the Year 6 team as once in a while we'll be in touch with information or updates.

This letter is intended to help children understand expectations for this term, organise themselves for activities like PE and remember Boringdon expectations for things like taking responsibility for their homework. It is also intended as a guide for you, keeping you informed about our learning this term and reminding you of key dates and events.

The information below sets out the learning for the coming months but, as ever, if you have any questions about your child's learning or progress, please do not hesitate to contact us - our email addresses are overleaf.

We urge you to listen to your child read regularly. It is a vitally important skill that must be maintained and it will help them achieve their personal reading target.

**This term we will be learning about:**

English	Describing character and setting, noun phrases, semi-colons and the passive voice. Children will be creating a story based on the ancient tale of Beowulf and also writing explanation texts after read Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions!
Maths	Fractions, Geometry and shape, decimals and percentages and measures
Science	Evolution and Inheritance and electricity
Computing	Internet Safety and
Geography	Is Fair Trade fair?
History	Ancient Greece
Music	Samba
Art and Design	Photomontage and exploring artists
Design & Technology	Structures: Playground equipment
Religious Education	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?
Physical Education	Dance and balance
Modern Foreign Languages	The children will learn conversational French in a range of contexts
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	Dreams and goals and Healthy me

### **Homework**

Maths homework will be set on a Thursday and link to learning that has taken place in class that week.

SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) homework will be set on Thursday each week and link to learning that has taken place in class.

Children should be using Times Table Rockstars, at least three times a week.

Homework is to be handed in on a Thursday, which is also when children will complete their spelling test.

### **Accelerated Reader:**

You can keep track of your child's progress towards their target and their quiz scores by logging on to:

<https://ukhosted31.relearn.co.uk/2236544/>

Please ensure children do not take quizzes at home. Any quizzes taken at home will be deleted in school.

You can also email [andrewsargeant@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:andrewsargeant@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk) or [claudiajames@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:claudiajames@boringdon.plymouth.sch.uk) for support and advice with your child's work.

### **PE Times**

PE time for this term will be:

6S - Monday and Wednesday

6J- Monday and Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has a school P.E kit on the days that they have PE.

It is essential that all items are named as this ensures the safe return of lost pieces of kit. May we please stress that the children should wear School P.E kit (a coloured t-shirt linked to their house (plain or with school logo), plain black shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms). Over the past years, 'P.E kit' in a variety of styles and colours has been worn by some children. This mismatch of kit does not reflect the pride we have in our uniform and our school, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the acceptable kit. All jewellery items (earrings and watches) must be removed for PE sessions.


### **Snacks/Water**

As a Healthy School we encourage healthy snacks such as fruit. Your child will be able to eat their snack during morning break. Although we provide beakers for water, we still encourage children to bring in a bottle of water. It has been proven that keeping hydrated by drinking throughout the day improves concentration. Children will not be allowed to consume energy or sports drinks in school as this is proven to inhibit concentration. Can we please emphasise that only a piece of fruit or vegetable is allowed for a break time snack.

### **Peanut & Nut Allergy**

We now have a few children in our school with a severe peanut allergy. Just touching another child's hand or a wrapper that has contained peanuts or nuts could cause a severe life-threatening reaction. It would really help us to keep these children safe if you ensure your child brings no nut products to school in their packed lunch. Your support would be much appreciated.

As you are aware, year 6 is an extremely important year for children. We aim to give them all of the tools they require to have a great year with us and to be fully prepared for secondary school. We hope that this letter has been helpful but please remember that we are always very happy to discuss any concerns you may have, either after school or at a more convenient time.



**Mobile phones**

Children are permitted to bring phones to school. The phones must be handed in each day their class teacher who will securely store it until the end of the day. Children can only use their phones when they are off the school site and returning home.

We look forward to seeing you at parents' evening next week.  
Yours sincerely,

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