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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term.

We would like to inform you about our curriculum plan for the first half term. Year 6 will be learning about **Black History** as their topic focus this term.

Subject	Content
Maths	This half term, we will be covering the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000. We will explore addition, subtraction, multiplication and division looking at solving problems and the order of operations. Long division, square and cubed numbers, mental calculations, and estimation will be key within this unit. Year 6 will be using the White Rose Maths scheme to deepen their understanding of number.
English	The children will be following the Literacy Tree programme. Children will learn spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as various reading skills by studying the books, ' <i>The Arrival</i> ' by Shaun Tan and ' <i>Windrush Child</i> ' by Benjamin Zephaniah. They will learn to write character descriptions, describe emotions in characters and rewrite stories.
PSHCE/SEAL	The topic will be My Mental Health and Me . The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The difference between mental and physical health- The link between their feelings and their mental health- Causes that can affect our mental health- Signs of poor mental health- Strategies we can use to improve our mental health- To understand the importance of having self-confidence on our mental health- To know how to ask for help and support.
Topic: History	The children will be learning about ' Black History – Africa before, during and after slavery. ' They will identify reasons why slavery began and how influential figures used poems, letters and other means of communication to rebel against transatlantic slavery. Children will later take part in a celebration of Black History Month in the form of a carnival event.





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Art and Design	This half term, children will be learning how photography can be used to promote and advertise. They will begin the unit by exploring how to create a photomontage – inspired by the Dada movement, Chris Plowman and Graham Holland. They will go on to use a range of resources to create their own album cover.
Science	The focus in Science this half term will be Light . Children will learn about the way light travels and how shadows are formed. They will also explore the make up of the human eye and how it is designed to protect us from harsh light settings.
PE	Children will continue to deepen their knowledge of Gymnastics this half term. They will have a range of tasks to help them increase their balancing and routine making skills.
RE	We will be learning about Buddhism . They will be focusing on Parinirvana and why it is important within Buddhism.
Music	In music, children will learn about the work of Zoltan Kodaly. They will compare Kodaly rhythmic values to Western notation. Children will strengthen their understanding of pulse with rhythmic patterns and learn to perform complex actions to accompany this. They will then look to create their own compositions .

Homework:

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Literacy	<p>You can support your child at home further by reading at home with them. Their reading books will be changed on a weekly basis. When you read with your child, please write a comment in their reading record book.</p> <p>Do encourage children to sound out unfamiliar words and think carefully about the meaning of these words based on the context in which they have been used.</p> <p>By the end of Year 6, the reading speed for a child should be 160 words per minute. They will also need to know how to read with expression.</p>





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	<p><u>Reading book changes</u> Friday</p> <p>Pupils should read on MyOn for a minimum of 2 hours per week, completing quizzes for books they have completed.</p> <p>Grammar homework will be set weekly on IXL and should be completed by Wednesday each week.</p> <p>Pupils will also be set weekly spelling homework which should be completed and returned to school each Wednesday.</p>
Maths	<p>Maths homework will be set weekly on IXL and should be completed by Wednesday each week.</p> <p>Please support your child to develop quick recall of their times tables up to the 12 times tables and the associated division facts. Mental maths and quick recall are extremely important to ensure that your child can answer a wide range of questions quickly and access tricker maths problems within lessons. The children can develop this skill by trying to calculate a shopping total and trying to calculate the amount of change they should receive.</p>

Children are required to wear their PE kits to school on the relevant days. For Iris class, PE will be on **Fridays**.

We are looking forward to having a fantastic half term with many exciting and new topics to learn about. Should you have any questions about your child's learning this half term, please come and speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Keeley

