Dear Parents,

Year 6 have had a superb first term, filled with exciting activities and fantastic work! Hopefully everyone has had a lovely break, and are ready to dive into an equally busy Spring term!

We are looking forward to some brilliant opportunities to be creative this term, diving into our topic on the Vikings and starting our new English text, *Skellig*. In between all of these exciting activities, we also have our class assembly on the 27th March, in which we look forward to sharing some of our work with you.

Throughout this term, children will be participating in mindfulness sessions each week. This is a fantastic way for children to cope with stresses and worries, so please do encourage them to show you what they have learnt!

The outlines of the subjects for this term are opposite; as well as an amended homework schedule. Please ensure that the homework diary is signed daily when your child has read. This is especially important for children feeling as confident and prepared as they can for the SATs next term. Children are also expected to wear the correct uniform, including P.E. kit. Given the cold weather, please make sure children have tracksuit bottoms for outdoor activities.

We are very impressed by all the hard work the children have accomplished so far and look forward to another fantastic term!

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Year 6 Teachers

### Homework Schedule

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Homework diaries to be handed in on Fridays. Spellings to be learned at home daily for test in school on Tuesdays. Children should be listened to reading each evening.

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**English**

We start off this term by looking at the fantastic story of *Skellig*, before we move on to non-chronological reports and the superb text *Floodland*. Children will continue to practise and embed their grammatical knowledge, and in guided reading will explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

**Science**

*Evolution and Inheritance* will be our topic for this half term. This is followed by *Living things and their habitats*, in which children will focus on Linnaeus’ classic system of classification.

**History**

*Vikings* are our focus for our topic this term. Children will be studying the impact the Viking raids had on Britain, using drama, art and writing to explore the history behind them.

**Art**

This term, children will be creating collages and focusing on the style of *Art Nouveaux*.

**Music**

We will be developing our understanding of composing and editing music this term, developing a song in preparation for our end of year assembly.

**Religion**

The unit for this term looks at *Faith in the Arts* as well as an insight into *Hinduism*.

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**Maths**

We have dived into the New Year with a focus on fractions, looking at using the four operations as well as problem solving. After this, we will work on percentages and decimals, building onto our work on fractions.

**French**

Madame Sharkey will continue building on the children’s understanding of verbs, as well as developing their conversational language through pen pals.

**PE**

Children will continue to have one outdoor PE session alongside an indoor session per week. This term will be focusing on learning the skills to play athletics, netball and basketball. For our indoor sessions, children will be honing their dancing skills in the Studio this half term.

**PSHE**

Our topics within this subject are *Getting on and falling out* and *Good to be me*. We will also be receiving some mindfulness sessions this term, helping the children to cope with any worries.

**Computing**

Computing this half term will be focused around programming, using Scratch. The rest of the Spring term will be spent using those skills to develop our very own game!