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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6, we hope you have all had a lovely holiday and are looking forward to a full and busy term ahead.



Our topic this first half term is '*Survival*' and we will be linking our geography, science, art/design and ICT into this topic.

This Year there is a lot of preparation for both SATs and secondary school. The children will be given maths, reading, and grammar homework in addition to spellings. We would encourage you to support your child with this by ensuring that the homework is completed and handed in by the dates given. In addition, you could encourage and support independent research around the topic.

Reading continues to be a priority and we will be encouraging the children to read daily at home. The school library has a wide range of genres and we will be monitoring the children's reading to ensure that they are benefiting from a variety of different authors and styles. We would ask you to initial their diaries to say that they have done so. We are aiming to create a love of reading within your child as well as extend their knowledge of authors and styles. If they would prefer to bring in a book from home or the library, that is fine although we will be monitoring their reading material to ensure it is appropriate and develops their reading.

Following two successful and enjoyable concerts, we are again participating in the Young Voices Concert at the Genting Arena in Birmingham on January 9th so we will be preparing them for this event during the Autumn term. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to perform as part of a large choir of several thousand children. Tickets for this concert will be available and there will be more details as the term progresses.

The children will have PE on Friday but we would be grateful if you could ensure that their PE kit is in school **EVERY DAY** as there are sometimes other opportunities for PE activities.

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If the children would like to bring a pencil case, please could they be equipped with a **small** pencil case containing a rubber, pencil sharpener, a selection of coloured pencils and glue stick. We do provide all these things for them but some children like to have their own. Please label where possible.

As we are sure you are aware, Year 6 will have a residential visit to The Briars in the summer term. While we are unable to give accurate costs at this stage, the cost for the visit will be in the region of **£260**. We will be shortly be asking for a non-refundable deposit of £20 and providing payment cards in order to spread the cost out over the year.

If children bring mobile phones to school they must be labelled and handed into the office **before** school and collected after the end of the school day.

We look forward to working closely with you this year, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing in their personal planner or speak to us at the end of the school day.

Best wishes

Mrs Broadley and Mrs Boyd