

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead. We are delighted to welcome your children back for what will be a memorable and important final year at Greenholm Primary School. Year 6 is a time for children to grow in confidence, develop greater independence and prepare for the transition to secondary school. Alongside working hard, we are committed to ensuring that the children enjoy engaging lessons, exciting experiences and opportunities to make lasting memories throughout the year.

As we begin the autumn term, we would like to share some important information about our routines and what the children will be learning.

Our PE lesson will take place every Thursday. Children should come to school wearing their full Greenholm PE kit and may remain in their kit for the duration of the school day.

Homework will be set each Friday and should be completed and returned by Wednesday. Completing homework regularly reinforces learning that takes place in the classroom and helps to prepare children for the expectations of secondary school.

Reading continues to be one of the most important ways you can support your child at home. We ask that every child brings their reading journal into school every day. We would appreciate it if parents and carers could hear their child read at least once each week and sign the reading journal to confirm this. In addition, children should record any independent reading they complete at home. Developing a regular reading routine will have a significant impact on your child's vocabulary, comprehension and writing throughout the year.

This term, our History topic is The Birmingham Blitz. The children will explore how the Second World War affected Birmingham, learning about the impact of the Blitz on local communities and the experiences of those who lived through it.

Our Geography learning will complement our History topic by exploring the effects of war on cities and countries. Children will investigate how conflict can change places both structurally, through damage to buildings and infrastructure, and socially, through its impact on communities, families and everyday life.

Our English lessons will be closely linked to our History topic through our class text, *Blitz: One Family's War*. Using this powerful story as inspiration, the children will develop their narrative writing skills by exploring how authors create atmosphere, build suspense and develop believable characters. They will use these techniques to write their own detailed and imaginative Blitz stories while continuing to develop their grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and editing skills.

In Science, we will be learning all about light. The children will investigate how light travels, how shadows are formed and how light interacts with different materials. Through practical investigations, they will deepen their understanding of scientific concepts while developing their enquiry skills.

In PSHRE, we will begin by learning about the brain and how it helps us to think, learn and respond to different situations. We will then move on to our unit on Mental Health and Well-being, where children will learn strategies to regulate their emotions, manage distractions, develop positive thinking habits, cope with worry and rumination and understand practical ways

to manage stress. We hope this learning will equip the children with valuable lifelong skills to support both their emotional well-being and their learning.

Finally, we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. We are incredibly excited for the year ahead and look forward to helping every child flourish academically, socially and emotionally as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point throughout the year, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

We look forward to working with you and your children and making this a fantastic final year at Greenholm.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team