



January 2018

Dear parent/carer

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and that your child is feeling refreshed and ready to continue learning.

As always, high standards are expected, as we continue to embrace and embed our school values of respect, responsibility and friendship. We want every child to develop and maintain high self-esteem. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining this sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school. It is also helpful that your child has a full PE kit, including trainers and additional layers of clothes for their Game On sessions. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or taped over for PE.

In our History topic this term, we are studying 'Life beyond 1066' and will be focusing on The Tudors.

In History, we will be finding out:

- About the key dates, events, monarchs and discoveries of the Tudor era
- About the wives of Henry VIII and his reasons for choosing them
- What happened to the church during Tudor reign
- What led to the Spanish Armada
- About school life and education in Tudor Britain
- What discoveries the Tudors made which affect us today
- About our personal responses to the actions of Tudor monarchs

In Art and DT, we will be finding out:

- How to use different pastel techniques effectively, focusing on a Tudor Rose.
- How to recognise the colour, expression and pose used in Tudor portraits.
- Experiencing global cookery.

We will also continue to work on our core subjects and the Science topics for this term are Electricity and Light.

Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. It is also helpful to support your child with their homework activities and ensure that their planner is updated with reading activities and signed on a weekly basis.

#### Forthcoming Events

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 13 March and Thursday 15 March.

This is a busy term for Year 6 as we also begin to prepare for the English and Maths statutory National Curriculum Tests (SATS) in the week beginning Monday 14 May.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss any particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact us either at the end of the day through the office, or via your child's planner. It has been a pleasure for staff to work with Year 6 so far this academic year and we all look forward to a positive and successful spring term. The term ends on Thursday 29 March.

Yours sincerely

Mr Phelan & Mrs Forbes (6AP)   Mrs Briscoe & Mrs Thomson (6BT)   Mrs Winfrow & Mrs Tebby (6WT)