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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are well rested for the exciting year ahead. This week, we have enjoyed spending time getting to know all of the children, setting expectations and introducing our topic, 'World War II' and celebrating Reading Matters Week. Overleaf you will find our term's topic web which summarises the areas of study the children will enjoy this term.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight that we highly value the lines of communication between school and home and have an open-door policy. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries or concerns. We are available after school on the front playground or you can make an appointment via Reception. Furthermore, please do remember to check our school website, www.westfields-jun.hants.sch.uk, for the most recent school information, tweets, dates of events and electronic copies of newsletters and lots more.

Now that your children are in Yr 6, one of our aims will be to develop their independence in preparation for secondary school. Outlined below are the key routines and expectations to support your child in making the best of this year. Part of this independence includes being responsible for bringing all of the items they need into school. As ever, a named and complete PE kit should be in school daily as although we have set days for PE, for various reasons (including bad weather!) these may have to change so we ask that the children always have their kit in school so they do not miss out on this statutory part of our curriculum.

Home Learning Reminders...

We believe working in partnership with home is an essential part of learning as it allows children to share with you what they have been taught at school and further strengthen core skills taught during the school week. If you have any concerns over any task or activity, please contact us as soon as possible in order that we can address these and support you in helping your child to gain the best from their learning and make the best progress.

Ongoing reading, spellings and key mathematics skills and facts are a priority. Children are expected to read daily and record this in their reading records. When reading, please encourage your child to read a variety of texts which could include fiction books, non-fiction books, leaflets, magazines or newspapers. Even though your child is in Year 6, it is important to encourage your child to read out loud and discuss what they are reading with an adult – there are some parent guides on the school website if you would like a few suggestions. All children will be assigned weekly spellings on a Tuesday which are from the National Curriculum expectations for our year group. They will be taught the spelling rule in class so that they understand how it works and can apply it to a variety of words. On the following Monday, children will be tested to check understanding. It is also essential to develop and strengthen number fluency. Having key number facts as instant recall is crucial to success in being confident mathematicians so it is important for them to practise these skills regularly.

Your child will receive two pieces of home learning per week aimed to take no longer than 20 minutes each. These will relate to either English, Maths (MyMaths) or our topic. This will be handed out each Thursday, and is expected to be completed and returned the following Tuesday – we hope these routines will also help prepare the children for managing their time in Year 7. As always tasks will be available via the school website or through the class teacher. All activities are set to support and consolidate our learning in class and if any further support is required, please just let us know.

Finally, we are always keen to welcome parents or grandparents to help in school. If you are able to support in any way then please do get in touch.

We are all looking forward to the exciting and engaging year ahead.
Kind regards,

Mrs Long
Year 6 Team Leader
& Class Teacher

Mrs Parker
Class Teacher

Miss Creelie
Class Teacher

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