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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you have had a relaxing and festive Christmas and are looking forward to the term ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the generous gifts that you gave us before the holidays! The term ahead will be a challenging and thoroughly enjoyable one for all of us in Year 6. I have attached a brief summary of the topics we will be covering over the coming weeks.

As a part of our work in Literacy, we will be examining units including biographies, moving onto persuasion and discussion texts and then narrative. Within the narrative unit we shall be exploring the works of Terry Pratchett, ultimately looking to write a short story based on the character Death.

Library books may be changed every week, so please encourage your children to return any completed books and exchange them for new ones. It is important that children choose material that is both challenging and appropriate to their reading age. Following a successful trial last term, children may also bring in 'Kindles' for reading purposes only. These are the child's responsibility and should be stored in the locked safe provided within the classroom.

As indicated at the start of the year homework will change for this term in preparation for their end of year exams. It is our duty to prepare the children as best as possible, and to this end they will receive a weekly reading, maths and grammar assignment. Most of these tasks will only take a few minutes and will reflect work completed during lessons. Whilst I would hope most children read daily, their homework does include at least one hour of reading every week. At this stage in their development it is important that the children choose reading material that they find both challenging and enjoyable.

There are a number of sporting fixtures / school events coming up this term as follows:

24th January	Sci-Fi day and cake sale	8th March	Cross Country League at St Columbus School
29th January	Sports hall Athletics	10th March	Netball Rally
23rd February	FOSS Disco	13th/ 15th March	Parent Consultation Evening
1st March	Secondary School Allocation	26th March	'Crucial Crew' St Albans Fire Station

Further reminders:

- P.E. lessons will take place on a Friday and Tuesday. However, it is advisable to retain kits in school in case of non-timetabled sessions.
- Manga High is a free maths resource and I would encourage any child to sign on regularly in order to practice areas of the curriculum that they find difficult.
- Spelling tests will take place on a Friday morning.

Please feel free to come in and see me before or after school with any questions or concerns. Thank you again for your continued support. We wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Jones and Miss Ahmed
(Year 6 Teacher)(Teaching Assistant)