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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of this school year. This term, our work will be based on comparing and contrasting different locations. Below is a snap-shot of what we will be learning over the next 14 weeks.

Literacy - Our Literacy work will focus on Michael Morpurgo's short story *The Giant's Necklace*, using this to develop the children's writing, reading and grammar skills in the run-up to SATs. We will also be learning how to write argument and persuasive texts.

Maths - During this term, the children will tackle a wide range of increasingly complex problems involving all four mathematical operations. These calculations demand efficient written and mental methods to solve them and these skills will be targeted in particular. In addition to this, children will be learning how to: use algebra to solve problems; use and apply timetabling skills; and investigate ratio and probability. We will also be introducing the children to Roman numerals and revising all areas of the curriculum prior to the SATs. Next half-term, the children will be using their practical maths skills in a variety of design technology settings.

Art – Still Life We will be learning what a still life painting is and experimenting with different colours to create different moods. When painting their own still life, the children will be asked bring in their own special items.

Geography - Contrasting Localities In this subject, we will be learning about the similarities and differences between Sherborne and Charmouth. In the first half-term, having undertaken a field trip around Sherborne town centre, we will create a tour guide for the town. After half-term, we will be visiting Charmouth and London and then looking at how and why these localities differ.

DT – Cooking and nutrition. The children will learn how to cook simple nutritious meals (from around the world) and apply their mathematical skills of ratio and conversion of units in this practical setting. After half-term, the children will be designing, making and testing Land Yachts. They will also be involved in the construction of props for the end-of-year production.

Science – Living Things and their Habitats and The Life of Animals and Humans - In these two topics, we will learn how living things change during their lifetimes and how these changes make up their lifecycle. We will also be exploring Darwin's theory of evolution.

Music – Composing Music and Performing Music - In these topics, children will learn to sing and perform *You've a Friend* by Carole King as well as learning the songs for the end-of-year play.

Enrichment – For enrichment this term, the children will be developing their IT skills by developing a website, engaging with Relax Kids, learning French and taking extra sports sessions.

Computing – Creating, Developing and Debugging a Game - In the first half-term, the children learn how to use Flexitree to create branching databases and Flowol 4 to design a system.

Guided Reading – Children will continue to engage with the Accelerated Reader scheme. Children will read every day, taking quizzes to measure their comprehension when they have completed their books. In addition to this, some children will benefit from reading to volunteers who come into school and working in small booster groups out of class.

Maths and Literacy and Homework – Maths and Literacy homework is set on Friday and needs to be in by the following Wednesday. For children who struggle to find time at home to do their homework, Mrs Robinson runs a homework club every Tuesday lunchtime.

Times tables and spellings - Children will have weekly tables tests on Fridays. For this term, spellings will be given out on Monday and tested on Friday.

PE and Games – Cricket, Athletics, Rounders and Tennis. In the first half-term, rounders will be held on Tuesday afternoons for both Year 6 classes. Mr Garnett's class will do their athletics sessions on Wednesdays and Mr McAney's will be on Thursdays. After half-term, we will be playing cricket and tennis. Children need to ensure their kit is in school on those days. For summer sports, they will need a red t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or daps.

Finally, here are some important dates for your diaries:

- SATs week: May 13 – 17;
- Mill on the Brue visit: 21 – 23 June;
- Gryphon Induction Day: 25 June;
- Trip to Charmouth: 2 July;
- PTA Summer Fair: 3 July;
- Trip to London: 10 July;
- Leavers' Service at Sherborne Abbey: 23 July.

Please do contact us if there is any matter you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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Year 6 teachers

