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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. The children have settled in well and are already working hard. This letter is to let you know about routines and expectations in Years 5 and 6, and to give you some information about what we will be learning this half term.

For the first 2 and a half weeks of this half term we will be taking part in a Nebula wide reading project based on the book *The Promise* by Nicola Davies. Please take a look at the topic web attached to see what we will be learning about. After that we will be starting our topic on The Victorians.

Homework

Homework in upper school will start next week. All homework will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in on the following Tuesday. Homework will consist of:

1. Reading: children will have a reading book and a library book. They should read at home daily for at least 15 minutes per day. Regular reading helps aid concentration, can be calming, broadens vocabulary and helps writing skills.
2. Spellings. Children will be given a list of words to learn. They should practise writing the words in their own sentences. Spelling tests will be on Tuesdays.
3. English task: this could be a grammar exercise or short piece of writing.
4. Times tables: all children are expected to learn their times tables up to 12x tables, by heart. They should practise at home regularly. Times tables will be tested on Tuesdays.
5. Maths task: each week children will be set a maths task based on current learning. In Year 6, this task will be centered on arithmetic or reasoning skills in preparation for SATS.

Equipment for school

Each day, children should have with them:

1. A clean water bottle
2. PE kit including trainers
3. Their reading book and reading journal.

Optional: A pencil case, with pencil, pen, colouring pencils, rubber etc. This should be able to fit into their tray.

Name labels

Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE kit is clearly named. We do not have a lost property box. All lost items, if named will be returned to their owner.

Yours sincerely

Ms H McMurray
Y5/6 Leader