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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Sycamore Class. We have a very busy and exciting year ahead of us. This year your children will be continuing to learn in a creative way through topics. This means that during the day we will teach English, History, Geography, Art, Computing, Design Technology under one topic heading - with the emphasis on the acquisition of skills which can be applied across the curriculum. Our first topic is the Maya Civilisation. More information can be found in the Autumn term parents' Topic Map overleaf.

Homework will be set on a weekly basis to reinforce work carried out in the classroom. This will include Maths and English in addition to reading and the practising of times tables. The homework set should not take more than about 20/25 minutes to complete, but that does not include the 10-15 minutes reading that the children should be doing each day. Some children will need to read with parents, others may wish to alternate between reading to themselves (and getting their reading records signed by you) and reading with an adult. At this stage, comprehension is much more important for most children than fluency. Please sign your child's reading record at least three times a week so that I can monitor their reading at home. Your child will need to remember to bring their reading folder, reading record book and HASP into school every day.

I cannot emphasise enough how important it is for your child to become fluent in the recall of times tables as this will help with every day mathematical activities. I would also urge you to encourage your child to use Sumdog and Mathletics on the computer - even when it does not form part of their weekly homework.

This term, PE kits will be needed on Mondays for games with Mrs Bemand. For outdoor games, your child will need suitable warm clothing and trainers in the colder weather. Occasional games lessons will also take place on Thursdays for which PE kit is also needed.

Part of the role of a Year 6 teacher is to prepare your child for the transition to secondary school. The children will need to take more responsibility for their belongings (especially items in pencil cases) and their behaviour in and around school. At the end of the day, if you wish your child to leave school premises by themselves, please see me to discuss the arrangements (written permission needed). This time next year, your child will be released from class and will need to be totally independent.

I am around before or after school should anyone have anything they would like to discuss.

Mrs Tracey Jones

Year 6 Teacher

