Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! Hope you’re all looking forward to coming back next week, and getting back to a little bit of ‘normality’. Things will obviously look slightly different for all of us, and it will take us all some time to get used to our new way of doing things, but just remember that we’re all in it together! There will be a big focus, particularly in the first few weeks, on settling the children back in, and ensuring that any worries they may have about coming back are addressed. I’m sure once they see some familiar faces and catch up with their friends they will feel much more at ease.

I’m sure you all know by now that myself and Mr Butters will be teaching Year 6 this year. I have returned from my maternity leave and will be teaching from Monday to Thursday, with Mr Butters taking over on Fridays. He taught this lovely bunch in Year 2, and he has been filling me in on what a fantastic class they are (one of his favourites ever, apparently!) so I’m very much looking forward to getting to know them all.

As well as myself and Mr Butters, Mrs Holbrook will be with us, to help support the children with their learning.

Sadly, we are unable to invite you all in for our usual ‘Back to School’ meetings, so I have put together a few key pieces of information about Year 6 and our expectations for the year. Please don’t hesitate to give the office a call, or drop me an email (lochiltree@brentryprimaryschool.org.uk), if you have any questions at all.

**PE**

We have PE lessons every Wednesday and Friday, at the end of the day. The children will not be allowed to get changed at school, so please send them in to school on these days in their PE kits. Some of these sessions will be outside, so please ensure their clothing is suitable for the cold weather to come (eg: sweatshirt/joggers/trainers).

**Homework**

Because of restrictions on taking resources to and from school at the moment, we will not be sending homework books home with the children. However, that doesn’t mean there will not be any homework! We will be setting homework online, making it available on the website or over email. The same goes for spellings, which the children will be tested on each week, once we have settled in. Over the next few weeks, I will let you know more about this, so don’t worry about it for now.

**Reading Books**

The children will be encouraged to choose a rading book on Monday (with sanitised hands of course!) and this will be brought home every day. They are more than welcome to bring a book in from home to read if they can’t find one in the class, or chat to me about books they might like to see in school. The important thing is that they are reading regularly. As Year 6s, they are expected to take responsibility for their reading book, taking it home with them each night and (where possible!) reading at least a couple of pages every time they do so. Every time they read, they should make a note of it in their Reading Record. If you could then sign this to show they have been reading, they can move up on our Superhero reward system, winning prizes along the way.

**Prefects**

As you will know by now, classes are set up in ‘bubbles’, and those bubbles are not allowed to mix. Because of this, we will not be able to have any prefects, at least for now. I understand that this will be a little bit disappointing to some children who have been looking forward to becoming a prefect in Year 6. Hopefully, this is only a temporary arrangement and we can get prefects back up and running at some point this year.

**SATs**

At the moment, SATs will be going ahead in May next year. We try not to even mention them until after Christmas, but invariably there will be children who are already thinking about them, and they do make up much of our focus after February half term. As a school, we try our absolute best to put any anxieties about SATs to rest, so do let us know if you feel your child is particularly worried about them, and we can have a chat about how we can reassure them.

I hope this has made some of our Year 6 routines and expectations a little clearer. Please see below for an overview of some of the things we will be learning about this year.

Again, please don’t hesitate to drop either of us an email or a phone call if you have any questions at all.

Kind regards

Lizzie Ochiltree and Mr Butters

**Curriculum Overview**

**2020**

**Darwin Class**

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| **History** (Term 1&2)* The Maya Civilization
* World War One
 | **Geography** (Term 3&4)* Raging Rivers
* Our Changing World
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| **Art** (Term 5&6)* Central and South American Art
* Wildlife and Birds
 | **Science*** Evolution
* Living Things and their Habitats
* Animals Including Humans
* Electricity
* Light
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| **Physical Education*** Gymnastics
* Multi-skills
* Yoga
 | **Religious Education*** Humanism
* Christianity
* Islam
* Buddhism
* Hinduism
 | **PSHE*** Recovery Curriculum
* Being Me In My World
* Celebrating Differences
* Changing Me
* Dreams and Goals
* Healthy Me
* Relationships
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| **Computing** (Mrs Jack)* Creating a mobile app
* Managing a project
* Coding
 | **MFL** (Mrs Price)* French
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