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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back from the Spring break. I hope that a restful and enjoyable time was had by all and that we are all ready to get right back in to the new and final term of this school year.

Curriculum Overview:

Attached to this curriculum letter, you will find a curriculum overview of the things that we will be covering in our learning this half term.

We are going to be taking our school residential visit in the second half of summer term. We shall go on Thursday 7th June and return on Friday 8th June - so something to look forward to after the SAT's are over.

Year 6 will also be beginning to practice their Year 6 production this half term, so be prepared for lots of lines to be learnt and some garments needed for their costumes! Dates and times for the performances will be released over the next half term and tickets will be available closer to the time. We shall hold auditions this first week back and your child should know their role by the end of week two.

In addition, this is a very important time for your child. As we have expressed many times already this year, your child will feel the pressure because of the SATs tests during the week of Monday 14th May 2017. Please ensure your child is well rested. There will also be a free breakfast provided every morning during the week. We would hope ALL children attend this because it is a very important cohesive and collective part of the day. Please do not put added pressure onto your child, we all feel very positive about how the week will materialise as all of the children have put in a huge amount of hard work since September 2016. We would also like to let you know that on Friday 18th May, as the SATs tests will be completed, we are going to be having some form of celebration as a year group.

PE-

Lessons will remain on Tuesdays and we will be focusing on Dance. This will certainly be an indoor session and the children will be expected to participate in bare feet unless otherwise notified. Please ensure your child has their kit in school for this session.

English-

We shall be focusing on writing throughout this summer term and gathering together evidence of progress in preparation for the forthcoming moderation. A range of pieces will be written and we shall be working particularly on the areas of formal/informal shifts and cohesion. We are using the text "The Giants Necklace" by Morpurgo alongside, "The boy in the striped pyjamas".

Maths-

We will follow the Lancashire units of work and continue to revisit previous topics taught. We shall also work in smaller groups to ensure understanding is embedded in preparation for high school.

RE-

Our new topic is Ascension and Pentecost. We will explore why this is a very special time in the Bible and learn about when the disciples and other Christians received the Holy Spirit.

Please see the curriculum map for more detailed information about the topic of Living things - which will be our Science topic for summer term.

Just to reiterate: Dates for the forthcoming tests are Monday 14th May until Thursday 17th May.

The children are working extremely hard and I thank you for your support as we move throughout this challenging term. As ever, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come into school and talk to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Aydin

SAT's TIMETABLE:

Monday 14 May English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 15 May English reading

Wednesday 16 May Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday 17 May Mathematics paper 3

Should your child have been allocated extra time, this will be added to test times above accordingly.

