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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! The children have made an excellent start to the term and are now settling into the Year 6 routines and expectations of learning. This letter will outline some of the areas of learning this term and what you can do to help at home.

Our new Science topic for this half term is **Animals including Humans**. We will be looking at the heart with a focus on the circulatory system and the impact of diet and exercise. In topic we will continue our learning about WW2 focusing on propaganda and the role of women in the war.

- Reading at home is vital this year and children have the opportunity to take home books on a regular basis. To aid this, we will continue with the Year 6 Reading Challenge. Children have really enjoyed reading and sharing their ideas in small groups as part of this. Year 6 will visit the **school library** once a week. We will now be producing book reviews and projects on favourite authors.
- Maths groups have been working well and there has been some movement amongst the groups to even out numbers and group dynamics. This fluidity will continue throughout the rest of the year.
- We shall continue to hand out home learning each week on Friday and expect it to be completed by Tuesday. Last term, Year 6 were very successful with their home learning and have produced high standard pieces of work. There will be Maths, Spelling and an English/Topic task. The home learning sheet will be printed and posted on the Google Classroom.
- We will place news items on the school website to keep you informed about learning taking place in Year 6 and across the school. Please visit the school website regularly. Also on the website you will find a calendar of events across the term. This is regularly updated so please use this in addition to the Calendar pages attached. www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk
- PE and Music takes place every Wednesday morning. It is vital children wear their PE kits on this day. The P.E kit is the school sweatshirt and polo shirt and plain black tracksuit bottoms (no stripes or logos). They will also have an additional PE session every Friday afternoon. Trainers will need to be worn for these sessions. **From the week beginning 4th February, Year 6 PE and music will change to Wednesday afternoon.**
- School starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3:30pm. Children are welcome to join us in class for soft start from 8:45am. Attendance and punctuality is crucial, as continuous absence and lateness will result in your child missing important teacher instructions and learning.
- Please ensure that your child does not come to school with toys, sweets, chewing gum or jewellery. **These items are not allowed.**
- If it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone for their journey to or from school they should take it to the school office for safe keeping during the school day. The phones should be in the office by the start of the school day at 8:55am and can be picked up at 3:30pm. If children are found to have a mobile phone with them during the school day they will be confiscated.
- Children must line up in the playground at the end of the day and may only be collected from the line, unless they have written permission to leave on their own, which must be handed into the office.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term with you and your children. If you have any concerns or queries, we will be available during soft start on Friday mornings.

Many thanks,
Marianne and Nabila
The Year 6 Team