

**Message from the class teachers:**

Welcome to Year 6! We are really looking forward to a fantastic year - your last year at Cavendish Close. This term we will be learning about World War 2, beginning with our exciting experience day to introduce the topic. We look forward to seeing you work hard and make great progress. Please pop the important dates over the page into your diaries.

**Teachers:** Mrs Bevan, Mr Bowen and Miss Illsley**PPA cover:** Mrs Goosey and Mrs Cooper**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Mellor, Mrs Capewell, Mr Dempster and Miss Garsed**An overview of learning this half term****Maths:** Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division**English:** Poetry, newspaper reports (Rolls-Royce and the Blitz), diary entries (Rose Blanche) and flashback narrative (The Piano)**History:** World War 2**Science:** Light**Computing:** Introduction to Spreadsheets**Art:** Batik and sketching, focusing on Balthasar van der Ast's 'Flowers in a Vase with Shells and Insects',**Music:** Music since 1930**PSHE:** Rights and Responsibilities**RE:** What do religions say to us when life gets hard?**PE:** Cricket and Athletics**French:** Welcome to School**General Reminders:**

This term we will be introducing Year 6 expectations and working on 'The Harmony Pledge'. During our first week together, we will be completing some wonderful 'Take one picture' work based upon Balthasar van der Ast's 'Flowers in a Vase with Shells and Insects', which we look forward to sharing with you on our class story and portfolios on Dojo. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, we will be immersing in a World War 2 experience day where the children will engage in a variety of activities to learn about significant aspects of World War 2.

**PE**

Colfer (Mrs Bevan): Tuesday and Thursday

Tolkien (Mr Bowen): Monday and Wednesday

Morpurgo (Miss Illsley): Thursday and Friday

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. You also need a spare pair of trainers to leave in school for the mile run and Drumba. Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE.

**Homework**

Homework will be set online. This will be set on a Wednesday and should be completed by Tuesday of the following week. This will include: Spelling Shed, Reading, Sum Dog maths, and Times Table Rockstars. We will ensure all children are confident in accessing homework tasks and all passwords will be provided in reading diaries, which must be kept safely. Throughout the Autumn term, children will receive paper copies of homework to help apply their learning and prepare for SATs. These will take place during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024; please ensure your child is in school for that week.

**Reading**

The children will be completing an online test over the next week in order to allocate them with the correct book for their reading level. Once your child has their book, please read with your child at home as often as possible and sign this off in their reading records. Our expectation is at least 3 times per week and children are rewarded for doing this. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz in school on Accelerated Reader. Children need to put their book and reading diary in their book box to show they have finished their book.

**Snacks and water bottles**

Children are permitted to bring in their own snack for break time, which should consist of a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children need to bring in their own named water bottle from home which should only contain water.

**Nut Free School**

There are children and staff in school who have a severe nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are now a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring any nuts or food items to school which have nuts as a listed ingredient. Thank you.

**Working in Harmony Award**

All children will be coming home with a Working in Harmony Award booklet soon. This is an award which we can work together to achieve throughout this half term. There are allocated tasks for teachers, pupils and parents each week. Please support your child in completion of these activities and help them to earn a special certificate and badge.

**Meet the Year Group Team Event**

We would like to invite you to meet your Year 6 teacher from 3.25pm– 4.15pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. This will be in your child's usual classroom. We are really looking forward to a busy but thrilling term. If you have any questions, please see us at the Year 6 door at the end of the day or contact your child's teacher via class Dojo (this is our preferred method of communication).