

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6!

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children over this first couple of days of term and have been so impressed by their fantastic behaviour and positive attitude. We have been very impressed with how the children have adapted to being the oldest in the school and have taken on the extra responsibility of being responsible Year 6 buddies.

This letter outlines useful information about the term ahead and enables you to support and encourage your child. The Autumn term is a busy and important part of Year 6.

### Dates for Your Diary

20<sup>th</sup> September – ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening  
22<sup>nd</sup> September – House Captains assembly  
TBC – Visit local WW2 shelter  
11<sup>th</sup> October – WW2 Day  
19<sup>th</sup> October – Term Ends  
30<sup>th</sup> October – Term Begins  
17<sup>th</sup> November (2.45pm) – Open Afternoon  
28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November – Parents’ Evening  
2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas bazaar  
15<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term

## Curriculum

### **Reading:**

It is vital that the children are encouraged to read as extensively as possible. We recommend that your child reads for at least 30 minutes each night. The children must record their daily reading in their school planner. In school, reading activities will include whole class stories, group reading and individual reading. Planners will be collected in weekly on a Friday. Please could you check your child’s reading and sign their planner weekly.

### **Spelling:**

Your child will bring home a list of 10 spellings (with some extra challenge words as well) every Friday and they should aim to spend about 20 minutes practising the 10 spelling words for the Weekly Spelling Test the following Friday. These 10 words will be drawn from three sources:

- The spelling rule taught in class that week in our spelling lessons.
- The National Curriculum’s Year 5/6 ‘statutory word list’.
- Words from topics taught in class.

**Mathematics:**

We continue to recommend that the children regularly practise their tables up to 12 x 12 and corresponding division facts at home. We would ask that you continue to ensure that the Mental Arithmetic tests (MA), which are set for homework, are completed and returned to school each Monday. Usually this will be two pages unless otherwise arranged by the teacher. It remains imperative that the children do their corrections before continuing with the next test. If your child has attempted their corrections and they are still generating an incorrect answer, then they should come and ask for help in school. MA will be due in every Monday and returned by Wednesday.

**History:**

We will be studying World War 2 up until Christmas. This will include a range of topics including: The Battle of Britain, evacuation, food rationing, the role of women and The Blitz. We will also be studying Goodnight Mister Tom and Anne Frank during English lessons. We are also planning to arrange a World War 2 day (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October) where the children will be able to dress up and take part in activities relevant to this period. Please can the children dress as an evacuee child as the focus on the day will relate to living as a child during the World War Two era.

**DT:**

This term our design project will be to make a model WW2 shelter. The children will design and create their own model shelters in school. Amherst will purchase the majority of the materials needed to build them however we will encourage the children to collate their own resources as well if they wish – please do not spend lots of money on this! The best materials are spare pieces of cardboard, coloured decorations and anything surplus around the house.

**LOCAL TRIP:**

We will be visiting an Anderson Shelter in Riverhead / Bessels Green area. A specific date will be confirmed soon.

Consent for Local Area Visits – please give your consent now [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

**PE:**

Currently, our Year 6 Games day is on a Friday. Please note that this will change during the year.

Initial class sports/equipment:

6B – Hockey (trainers, shin pads, long socks, gum shield and normal PE kit required please)

6A – football (football boots/trainers, shin pads and normal PE kit required please)

6W – Tag Rugby (football boots/trainers and normal PE kit required please)

Please note that these three sports will change per class after every term.

A normal PE kit includes: trainers, a navy t-shirt, navy shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie. We intend to teach PE regardless of the weather wherever possible so please ensure your child has appropriate warm/waterproof clothing. Additionally, if your child has their ears pierced and earrings that cannot be taken out, please

provide them with some masking tape to cover them up. Children with long hair should also ensure their hair is tied back.

### Swimming:

Swimming will continue up until October Half Term and will start again after the May Half Term break.

6B – Wednesday PM

6A – Wednesday PM

6W – Wednesday AM

### Homework

Monday	MA books are due in
Tuesday	
Wednesday	MA books handed out English homework due in
Thursday	
Friday	Planners handed in English homework explained and handed out

We hope that the information provided will enable you to work alongside us in providing the best possible support and encouragement for your child. We are always very grateful for all your support, help and understanding throughout the academic year. If you have any concerns, or would like further clarification on anything in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Barratt    Miss Apps    Miss Watson