Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have had a great winter break. This letter is to provide you with some useful information about the spring term and the topics that we will be covering.

<u>PE</u> PE will continue to take place on a **Tuesday** afternoon; **preferably PE kits need to remain in school** and will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed (as on some weeks the day may change or we may have extra sessions). Long hair will need to be tied up. Ideally earrings need to be taken out although if parents provide children with plasters they can apply themselves to wear over them, they can remain in.

Reading Reading is an integral part of your child's education and support from home will be very much appreciated. If you could please read with your child at least 5 times a week and record it in their diaries; this will then assist with your child's progress. You can also use the diary for you to write any additional information we may need to know during the week.

<u>Homework</u> A literacy-based <u>and</u> maths-based homework will be sent home on a Friday and will be due in, completed, the following Friday. We are always available to help the children at break and lunchtimes with their homework if they are finding it challenging—all they need to do is ask.

A copy of a spelling word list will be sent home half termly in a booklet. They will have a spelling test every Friday to see how well they have learnt them. Some will be sent home to prepare the children for the spelling part of their SATs in May. If the children need another booklet at any point I always have spares in the classroom.

<u>Times tables</u> Any assistance you can provide at home to help the children to remember their times tables will make a big difference to their attainment at school which will support them in our preparation for the SATs in May. All the children have access to TTRockstars to encourage them to practise at home.

<u>Curriculum coverage</u>

Maths – Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Measurement; Geometry

Literacy – A range of genres and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) activities that link with our class text this term—Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone/ Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

Computing - E-safety/Digital Literacy/Movie Making.

Science / Topic – Light/ Set Design—based on Harry Potter.

PE - Invasion Games

It is very important to me that your child is happy during their time in Year 6 and that there are strong links with parents. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to speak to me or arrange an appointment with the school office.

Many Thanks,

Miss K Cooper, Mrs C Scragg, Miss E LeQueux and Mrs J Ballantine.