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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed the sunny weather. We are both very happy to become part of the Western Road community and are finding our feet at a rapid rate. We look forward to getting to know your children well this year and helping them become more confident learners.

Our learning journey this term is 'World War II', focusing upon the background to the war and the Battle of Britain. The children have got stuck in already and begun empathising with the people of the time. In English, we will be developing our narrative writing, descriptive language and create poetry using extended metaphor. We will also develop our non-fiction writing through explanations, recounts and reports. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) and reading using inference and deduction. In Maths, we will focus upon number, with emphasis upon arithmetic skills and application to solve word problems. In Science, we will learn about the body, circulatory system, the effects of drugs, alcohol, and how the body works.

We will have PE sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those days, we will send them home for washing at the end of term. If your child has pierced ears, please can they either not wear their earrings to school on these days, or be able to take them out as we are unable to allow the children to wear earrings or any jewellery for PE. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform us in writing or tell us personally. If your child forgets their PE kit we will ask them to borrow spare PE kit from the office as PE is a mandatory part of the curriculum.

Homework is set on Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. It will consist of an English or Learning Journey task (commonly writing or research) and a Maths or My Maths task. Spellings will also be set on Fridays for testing / revision on the Wednesday of the following week. All homework will be set using the Homework books (green). If you do not have access to My Maths, we can provide a paper copy of the task – please let us know.

Please note there will be a 'Welcome to Year Six' presentation for parents and pupils on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3.40pm to approximately 4.15pm – all welcome! It will be nice for you to put faces to our names!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louisa Adams and Mrs Rea Hamilton

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