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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good winter break and the children are looking forward to their next term at Oldfield! The team would like to thank you all for your kind words and generosity shown in our end-of-term gifts. They are never expected but we are grateful to each and every one of you. We would also like to extend this thanks to your good-humour and generosity of time in supporting the school and the children with the Christmas Fair. It was a fun evening and wonderful to see so many of you there – thank you.

This term will see an increased change of pace for the pupils as we start our preparations towards SATS. Various booster groups will be starting the week commence 15th January and will run until the end of the whole spring term. Letters for booster groups will be sent home this week. Booster groups are not for every child; so please do not panic if you do not get one. If you have any questions in regard to booster groups, please get in touch with your class teacher in the first instance.

Year group assembly: We look forward to inviting you to our year 6 assembly on Thursday 11th January. The children have been busy reflecting on their learning from last term and have been feverishly writing their own scripts in preparation this week.

Home Learning

Reading for pleasure: Daily reading for 20 mins or more will continue – thank you for your ongoing support with this very important life skill. Pupils will need to record the name of their book and the pages they have read in their reading diaries which will be checked daily. In school we will endeavour to listen to every child read 1:1 at least once in the school week. This will also be recorded in their reading diaries.

The reading-based task: This term will differ slightly as we will be giving every child a copy of Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian – which is linked to our history topic – to read instructed chapters. After reading the given chapters, they will have an activity based upon what they have read. This is a well-loved and an award-winning book which does explore some challenging themes. Please feel free to read this with your child. If you feel the text is too challenging for them to read; it is widely available to download as an audiobook – although these may be an additional cost depending on your audio app subscription.

The maths-based task: As part of our SATs preparation, we will continue to send an arithmetic paper with a variety of calculations. Your child should be getting more confident with this now. The aim is for your child to complete the questions as quickly and as accurately as possible. If they find a question too tricky, encourage them to put a star next to it then come back to it. Once we have marked the papers in class we can then address any tricky bits with the children. If your child would like further challenge – ask them to complete it within 30 minutes and time it.

Like the autumn term, all home-learning needs to be in school – ready to mark – on Tuesday. Any books that are not in school on the Tuesday may not be marked for that week.



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Weekly spelling lists: Children will continue to learn their weekly spellings. These will be issued on a Tuesday ready for a test that Friday.

Statutory spelling lists: In addition to this, we will be sending home copies of the statutory spelling lists. Most children were tested on the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 lists. Some were also tested on the Y2 list to ensure those vital spellings are known. We have highlighted the words in which your child spelt incorrectly. Please help them to achieve success by supporting them in learning 2 or 3 words each week so they can start to close the gap. We will test them again on their statutory word lists at the end of term.

Top tip: Start with the easiest list that your child brings home as they will close the gaps quicker!

PE – No change! On PE days, children should come to dressed in their PE kit. This should be the school PE kit of white shirts, navy blue shorts and suitable trainers. As the weather turns colder, they will be allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or jumper – in line with the school uniform policy, these must be navy blue joggers and a navy sweatshirt please.

Class	PE days
6 Leopard	Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)
6 Panther	Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)

Spring Term Trips: In the second spring term, we will be visiting St Mary's Church for a 'Easter Cracked!' workshop which complements our learning in RE. We will also be visiting Eton College's museum for a workshop about World War II. We would like to give a huge thanking to the generosity of the OSA who have kindly offered to cover the cost of the coach to Eton to ensure this is a free trip.

SATs – SAT's will happen in Summer 1 term w/c 13th May 2024. We will have a parent/carer's information meeting regarding how to support your child and what the week will look like for them later this term. The aim is to always reduce any anxiety for your child – and for yourself!

RSE/PSHE

This term in PSHE, our topics are Money Matters and Diverse Britain. Money matters will give the children to look at different types of investments and savings options. Diverse Britain will include lessons on different types of relationships, managing pressure, expressing opinions and respecting ourselves and others.

DVD'S/Film clips

In Year 6, we often watch film extracts and/or short films to link in with our topics. Some of these clips are rated PG. If you have any objections to your child watching a PG video, at any time this year, please let us know in the next week or so. I would be happy to share with you examples of what these videos include.

Kind regards,

Miss E Smith

Mr J Foreshew

6 Panther

6 Leopard

Assistant Headteacher