Dear Year 6 Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all.

The festive season is now over and the children are back into the routine of school. We are looking forward to a very busy Spring term.

English and Maths.

As with every half term, there are changes to the themes we teach in each of the areas of the curriculum. In English we will begin by looking at non-chronological reports and persuasive writing. Our inspiration for this will come from the book by Louis Sachar, 'Holes.'

In maths we will be covering many topics. This includes shape, BODMAS and all four operations problems. We will also be revisiting fractions, decimals and percentages as well as looking at volume towards the end of the half term.

Please continue to support your child with aspects of maths they need to practise and continue to work through the SAT packs.
**Topic**

Our topic this half term will be ‘Brilliant Birmingham’.  
This is a unit of work which will focus on a local study of Bournville. We will look at the history of Bournville and how it has changed over the years. The children will be writing diary entries as factory workers. Later, they will be researching the changes in transport and housing. Towards the end of this unit of work, children we be designing and creating a sculpture to fit our environment.  

In Science we will be looking at Evolution and Inheritance and this links with the topic of how world changes have caused living things to evolve in order to survive the environment they find themselves in.  

In Music we will be completing the ’Fresh prince of Bel Air’ unit of our Charanga scheme.  

R.E we will be learning about Islam in preparation for our visit to the mosque.

**Reminders**

PE kits in school—including both indoor and outdoor footwear.  
PE Outdoor - Suitably dark coloured tracksuit and trainers needed, in addition to the usual yellow t-shirt, for impending cold weather!  
Indoor PE- yellow t-shirt, blue shorts and pumps.  
Reading books and record in school every day.  

Please ensure that the children return homework by Wednesday of each week. Children must ensure their homework is signed by an adult at home.  
Please encourage the children to practise their spellings in time for our regular test on Fridays.  

A reminder to encourage your child to use the SATs revision packs.  

Thank you.  
As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.  

The Year 6 Staff.