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Dear Koala Class families,

Welcome back. We hope you had a nice relaxing break and the Easter Bunny was kind to you. Thank you very much for all your kind gifts to the staff at the end of last term. The Easter treats really helped to keep us going.

Topics

In art this term, we will be focussing on the work of Frida Kahlo.

In DT, we will be learning to make pizza. We will learn how to make tomato sauce and bread from scratch then combine into pizza. If you have any allergies, please let us know.

In RSE we will be learning about healthy lifestyles and growing and changing. As part of this topic, on Thursday 9th July, Year 5 and 6 children will learning about what happens to their bodies during puberty. Year 6 will also learn about how babies are made. If you have any questions about this, or if you would like to view the resources we use yourself, please contact us.

In music, children will be learning to play recorders.

In history we will be studying the Vikings. We will look at both the impact of the invasion to Britain at the time and their lasting legacy.

In geography we will be studying Brazil.

In Science, we have a biology topic: Animals, Including Humans. Within this, we'll be focusing on the different stages of the human life cycle.

In computing we will be learning about Vector Graphics – using Google Drawing to create images and logos.

In RE we will be studying Sikhism, looking at how the British Sikh community and their values have contributed to the country.

In French, we are going to build on our previous Sports topic to learn vocabulary and phrases all about keeping healthy.



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Enrichment

Sports day will be on Tuesday 23rd June, weather permitting. Please note that, unlike previous years, this will be in the morning this year.

Closer to the end of term, Year 6 will begin preparation for their leavers' assembly. Please let us know now if your child is likely to be away in the last week of term.

Enrichment week will take place later in the term. More details to follow, but so far we have booked in a dance experience for the children and hopefully a whole school trip.

Homework

Reading (all year groups)

Ideally, children should be reading every day. As a minimum, we ask that children read to an adult at least three times a week. If you have having trouble getting your child interested in reading, please let us know and we can help them to find a book they enjoy more. Please record what is read in the homework diary. The titles of books read can be written by adults or children, but please make sure an adult has signed to verify it. Children will earn one house point for every time they read.

Year Five

The Year Five homework will continue as before.

Children will need to spend time on Nesy (if not yet completed) or the spelling activities in Google classroom. Like reading, we ask that children spend at least ten minutes, three times a week (or more) on this. Children will get a house point for each 10 minute session they spend on there. Please can adults sign in the reading record to say when this has taken place.

Also, we ask that children spend some time on **Times Table Rockstars** or (if they have been told they can) any of the maths activities in the appropriate section on **Google classroom**. Again for 10 minutes, three or more times per week on these activities. Children will get a house point for each 10 minute maths session on any of these maths activities. Please sign to say this has taken place in their reading records.



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Year Six

Children in Year 6 will continue their preparation for SATS over the next couple of weeks. The actual SATs will take place the week beginning 13th May. The timetable for the week is as follows:

Monday 11 th May	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2	English Reading	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Please can children have good breakfasts and early nights this week, as this will give them the best chance of showing what they are capable of in the tests.

After SATs, Year 6 will no longer have their current homework, although they will be still expected to read as before. After half term, they will be set a homework project: 'All About Me'. Further details will follow at the time.

As always, if you have any questions, please email or pop in to the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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