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Dear Koala Families,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a relaxing break. Thank you very much for all your kind gifts at the end of term.

### **Topics**

In art, we will be studying Andy Warhol and creating our own pop-art style prints.

In DT, we will be learning a variety of stitches to create pencil or phone cases.

In history, we will be studying crime and punishment through the ages.

In music, we will be learning to play samba drums.

In geography, we will be learning about the Earth's natural resources.

In PE, we will be learning some dance skills.

In science, we will be learning about light.

In RE, we will be learning about Islam.

### **Year Six SATs**

This is the term we really begin the preparation for SATs in earnest. There will be a meeting for all Year Six parents and children on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January straight after school, where I will go through the expectations and format of SATs.

### **Home learning**

#### **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**

#### **Spelling**

The Year Five homework will continue as before. Children will need to spend time on Nessy (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 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.

#### **Maths**

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



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## **Year Six**

Children in Year Six will now begin their preparation for SATS. This will involve extra smaller group sessions across the week, where we will build up exam technique and address individual needs.

### **Reading**

On Wednesdays, Year Six children will be set an additional reading task which will be due in the following week.

### **Maths**

Children will also be set some maths homework. This will be specific to them and their needs. The day of the week it will be due in will vary per child, but it will be the same day each week. The children have written their specific maths homework day in the back of their reading records.

### **Enrichment**

There is much to look forward to this term.:

#### **World Book day**

World book day is on Thursday 7th March and we will be encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters.

#### **Easter**

This term will end in the annual egg-rolling competition. More details will be sent out closer to the time.

#### **Wonderstruck**

We are pleased to welcome Wonderstruck into school this term. There will be an exciting science show and the children will then work in small groups to create rockets and fan-powered cars.

#### **Bodmin Jail**

I have provisionally booked a trip to Bodmin Jail to help the children learn more about crime and punishment in the local area. More details will follow.

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