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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break! Year 6 is an exciting year with lots of hard work, balanced with fun activities, as we want to make children's last year in primary school truly memorable. I am thrilled to be working with your children to develop their independence and resilience as they prepare for secondary school.

Here is an overview of our planned curriculum for the first Autumn term.

<p><b>English-</b> Shared text: Pig Heart Boy-Malorie Blackman Writing to persuade-Letters Balanced argument</p>	<p><b>Maths</b> Place Value Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division</p>
<p><b>History</b> The British Empire</p>	<p><b>Science</b> Circulatory System</p>
<p><b>Geography</b> Migration</p>	<p><b>Computing</b> Coding-2code Online Safety</p>
<p><b>RE</b> Christians and how to live: what would Jesus do?</p>	<p><b>Art</b> African Masks</p>
<p><b>French</b> Revisiting me, Telling the time, Daily life of a superhero</p>	<p><b>PE</b> Netball and Football</p>
<p><b>Music</b> Charanga-Music and technology</p>	<p><b>PHSE</b> Me and my relationships</p>

### Reading books and diaries

Reading is at the heart of what we do at St Luke's. Children should regularly take books home to read. Once reading diaries arrive, please ensure they are signed so that books can be changed. This year, we have a strong focus on developing reading comprehension skills, so please encourage your child to read a variety of texts at home. Good reading habits are beneficial for learning across the curriculum and for future success.

### PE – Tuesday and Wednesday

Children should come to school in their PE uniform (tracksuit with trainers; no football kits or clothes with logos, please). Clothing should be suitable for the weather, as some sessions will be outside. Earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons.

### Homework

Homework will be set from Monday to Monday, online at **Atom Learning**, and will include Maths, English, and occasionally Science tasks. The first homework will be set week commencing 1st September and must be submitted by the following Monday 8th September. Please note that missed deadlines mean the task will no longer be available. House points will be awarded for completed homework.

### Spellings

Tests will take place every Monday. New spellings will be available online, and spelling books should be returned by Wednesday. Children can practise online at [www.edshed.com](http://www.edshed.com) using their login details. The first

set of spellings will be given out in the week commencing 1st September, with the first test on Monday 8th September.

### **Mental Arithmetic Tests**

To support fluency in Maths, children will complete weekly arithmetic tests every Friday morning. These form part of our classroom practice in preparation for end-of-year assessments. Over time, children should see increased confidence and improved scores. Tests will be marked and kept in school. TTRockstars is a beneficial tool in supporting children's mental arithmetic, so please encourage your child to engage with this platform.

### **Library**

Children can borrow books from our library regularly. Please return library books after three weeks. Our first library visit will be in the week commencing 1st September.

### **Staffing**

I will teach the class full-time, except on Wednesdays, when Mrs Mitchell, who is an experienced Year 6 teacher, will teach the class to cover my leadership and planning time.

As always, if you have any concerns, you can contact us via the school office, either by phone or email, or you can see me directly after school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Padam

Class Teacher/Assistant Headteacher