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Year 6 – Green Class Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week of the term has been really enjoyable – everyone arrived back from their summer break full of energy, lots to talk about and positive attitudes towards all our learning. The children have made a great start to the year already and have been focussing on our new **PSHCE topic** "*Settle in to Learn*" to ensure we all re-establish our class behaviours, rules and routines to enable everyone to do their best with the learning.

Teaching arrangements: This year the teaching team in Year 6 will be Robert Wootton and Alison Holliday. Supporting the class every morning during the week will be Andi Yoxall.

Topics this term: Our History topic this term will be Early Islamic Civilisations, and our Geography topic will be North and South America. In RE we will start off investigating the question of 'How did it all begin?' Please see the Medium Term Overview for more details on the learning within these areas, as well as information about the rest of the curriculum. The Year 6 class sharing assembly, where they will share their learning, will take place in the spring term and we will provide details about the date and timings in January 2026.

PE: Our PE days this term will be Monday afternoons and Friday mornings and the children should come into school on those days wearing their PE kits. We will continue to run the Daily Mile each morning too. Children should wear the school PE kit as specified on our website (www.camp.herts.sch.uk) along with their green Camp School jumper or cardigan. Please note that football shirts are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn at school for PE lessons.

Homework: Each week the children will be set a spelling task linked to our weekly spelling pattern and one other task to consolidate the week's learning or to prepare for a future lesson. Most weeks this homework will be linked to the maths learning taking place but occasionally the homework will be a research based task that relates to our topic work. The homework will be set and sent home in their green homework books this term (and information will also be posted on the Year 6 Google Classroom page). Of course, should children wish to complete their learning on a computer or other device they are still welcome to. They can either print their work at home or share it with us via Google Classroom and we will then print it out in school. Homework will be sent home by Friday each week and is due in the following Tuesday.

If children are finding any piece of homework too difficult or they are taking more than the allocated time (up to 1 hour for the spelling and maths tasks) to complete it, please do not persist. Simply write us a note to let us know and we will support them in school.

Reading is also a key part of the homework. Please encourage your children to keep reading for enjoyment and we suggest at least 15 minutes reading every day. Children will continue using yellow Reading Diaries. The purpose of these diaries is for children to keep a track of the book(s) they are reading, as well as to make a note of any interesting or new words or phrases they find in their reading books. We want the children to build up a bank of vocabulary.

Reminders: Please make sure that your child always has a named water bottle in school, which should only contain water. For children who have a packed lunch, the rubbish will come home for recycling

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so parents can see what children have eaten each day. In general, in terms of any food being brought into school it must not contain nuts or sesame as some children in our school have a severe allergy so please check the labels of products carefully. Children can wear simple, stud earrings but they should not be wearing any jewellery including earrings on PE days.

Applications for Secondary Schools: I know it seems a long way off to be talking about moving to secondary schools, but the application process needs to be made soon. Parents must access the information and complete applications on-line. If you need support to complete this process please let us know and we will arrange help for you. Further information and details of key dates can be found in the 'Secondary Transfer' booklet from the Herts Admissions team, which should have already been e-mailed to you. Further information can be found by accessing this link (https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx).

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 6 team, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground at the start or end of the day or email the school office (admin@camp.herts.sch.uk) and we will get back to you.

Kind Regards,

Mr Wootton and the Year 6 Team