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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Our learning journey this term is 'Britain Since the end of World War 2.' We will be learning about the rockin' 50's, swingin' 60s', groovy 70s, poppin' 80s, and the 'cool' nineties and noughties, and are very excited to explore these decades with the children, learning about changes in society, music, transport, technology, fashion, and sporting achievements.

This topic will be particularly non-fiction based where we will be presenting explanation and report texts on these eras. Our history focus will be on a range of developments throughout these decades. In Design and Technology we will be creating our own board games after researching games played at home. In music, we will also explore how musical styles have changed, and learn about famous composers.

At the end of this topic, there will be an opportunity to dress up in clothes of their favourite era. On Friday 15th February, we will hold a 'party' for our Fabulous Finish. Between now and then, children should look at different fashions from these eras and choose a costume to wear. The children should also prepare / bring in a dish from the era of their chosen costume e.g. pineapple and cheese on sticks. We will give more information about this nearer the time.

In English, we will be writing our own adventure stories after exploring extracts from a range of Enid Blyton books. We will also be writing our own information texts about one of these eras – chosen by the children. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) and reading using inference and deduction. Computing will develop their understanding of the stock market but more importantly engage them in analysing data, making informed choices, presenting and critiquing their decisions. There will also be an emphasis on Online Safety towards the end of the term.

In Maths, we will continue to focus upon number and place value, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurements, geometry and line graphs with emphasis upon arithmetic skills and application to solve word problems. In Science, we will explore evolution and link it to religious and non-religious views of the Big Bang Theory and Humanism. Later on, we will focus on electricity.

For PE sessions this term we will be swimming on a Monday (separate letter to follow) and normal PE will take place on a Friday. Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those days. Please remind your child that PE is a statutory part of the curriculum so they **must** bring their kits to school. If children do not have the appropriate kits they will be expected to use items from the school office or lost property. We also ask that you remind your child to take their kits home when suitable for washing. If your child has pierced ears, please can they either not wear their earrings to school on these days, or be able to take them out as we are unable to allow the children to wear earrings or any jewellery for PE. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform us in writing or tell us personally.

Homework continues to be set on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. It will consist of a writing or research homework and a My Maths task. Some tasks will be set over 2 weeks to allow more detailed research. Spellings will also be set on Fridays for testing or application in class on the Wednesday of the following week. All homework will be set using the Homework books (green).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher & Year Six Class Teachers