

Thomas Eaton Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely start to the term so far in Kahlo class. The children have come back full of enthusiasm for learning and have really enjoyed being back with their friends. It's great to have the classroom full again!

We are starting the half term finding out about Frida Kahlo, the artist behind our class name, and with learning based around the book *Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth* by Oliver Jeffers. This will give us the opportunity to get the children used to the expectations of year 5 and 6, and to settle back into the routines of school. We have also spent time identifying the gaps in their learning.

Our topic for the first half of term is **Out Of This World**. You will be given a Knowledge Organiser for this topic, which details the key facts and vocabulary the children are expected to know by the end of the topic. I am also sending home the 'head, hand, heart' sheet which will let you know some of the activities your children will be doing.

Spelling

You will also be receiving a list of words that the children are expected to know by the end of year 4, and by the end of year 6. We have found that many children have found it difficult to get back into the swing of accurate spelling since lockdown, and it would really help your child if you could practice some of these words at home.

Home Learning

For safety reasons, we will not be sending out or collecting in written or practical home learning. We still expect children in year 5 and 6 to **read for at least 20 minutes, five times or more** every week. We also expect children in year 5 and 6 to spend **1 hour a week on Maths Whizz**. Maths Whizz is personalised to your child's own learning and is a really effective way for them to catch up with any topics they may have missed. Your child will be bringing home their usernames and passwords if they have forgotten them.

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Backpacks

As we try to reduce the number of items brought into school, we have asked the children NOT to bring bags into school, but to carry their lunchboxes, water bottles and reading books into school by hand.

Coats, Trainers, Outdoor Shoes

As autumn gets under way, please make sure that your children have a pair of outdoor shoes (to save the carpets) and a waterproof coat in school. We are running every day and they need to be well equipped!

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs (Standardised Attainment Tests) are currently planned for the week beginning **Monday 10th May 2021**. Please do not book any holidays during this week, or in the run up to the tests in the early summer and spring terms.

Thank you for all your support so far. Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Bultitude, Mrs McHaffie and Mrs Homes