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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6 and to Heron Class! I am really looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming year. I understand the children may be feeling apprehensive about the change to Year 6 and with that in mind, we will be easing them in gently and focusing on health and wellbeing, getting used to new routines and being back in school. I thought it would be useful to run through a few points now. Please do ask if anything is unclear or if you need more information.

In Year 6, we encourage the children to be increasingly independent, in preparation for the move to secondary school, to act as role models and to take on additional responsibilities. They will have the chance to run for school council, for house captain, for Eco Monitors and to volunteer for roles within the classroom, together with being “buddies” for the younger children. We hope they will enjoy these responsibilities.

The children do not need their own pencil cases; We have provided each child with everything they need in class which is kept in their own plastic wallet in their tray. Any other equipment that needs to be used, for example protractors and compasses will be supplied as and when they are needed. We have plenty of colouring pencils and pens so there is no need for the children to bring in their own. PE will take place on a Tuesday and Friday so please ensure your child comes dressed in their correct PE kit on this day. It would be useful for children to have a pair of trainers in school every day as we will try and get outside as much as possible and certainly be completing our Daily Mile each afternoon.

On Fridays, children will be set their Home Learning for the week. This will relate to something that we have been doing in class and will often (but not always) be an English and/or a Maths activity. This will either need to be completed in their home learning books or may be set online, on LbQ (Learning by Questions). Your child will be familiar with this as we will be using it in class to support our Maths and English learning. I will always go through the tasks with the children on a Friday, but please encourage your child to come and talk to me if they need additional explanation. I believe (in line with the school’s Home Learning Policy) that in Year 6 some home learning is an important preparation step before secondary school. At the same time, it is so important that children have the time and energy to enjoy their other interests and clubs outside of school. The home learning activities are to provide a link between home and school and to encourage children’s independence and personal organisation. The children work very hard in school so please don’t feel that your child should be spending hours completing the tasks and please do talk to me if you feel this is the case. We will be offering a Home Learning club during Monday lunchtimes should children choose to use this time or should parents need some additional support to encourage their children to engage in home learning positively.

Home Learning should be handed in or completed online by Wednesday please. This allows time for marking before being set again on a Friday. In addition to the tasks set, we encourage the children to read at least 3 times a week at home and continue to practise their times tables using Times Tables rockstars. Throughout the year, we will also be continuing to practise our spellings as part of the English sessions and will be using SATs buster books to support the children in all areas of SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar). We will reward both effort and those who consistently complete and hand in their home learning to a high standard. Your support at home has a huge impact on their learning and confidence and I really appreciate it.

I understand that many of the children have mobile phones which may be brought into school if the child is walking to school on their own, however these MUST be handed into me every morning and I will keep them safely until the end of the day. Please do not allow your child to bring their phone into school unless absolutely necessary. Thank you for your support in this matter.

I hope that your child has a fantastic year in Heron Class. It will be a year of hard work but also lots of fun and hopefully a very rewarding one. If you have any questions, please just ask. I look forward to getting to know your children and working in partnership with you.

Yours Sincerely,

*Mrs Rose*