Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to an exciting, action packed Spring term! The children have returned refreshed from their Christmas break and have kicked off the New Year with enthusiasm.

Our new curriculum topic for the term is **'Down in the Jungle'**. This topic will have a focus on South America. For more details, please see the curriculum poster overleaf. Our class novel in English this term is 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo - we will be using this fantastic story to inspire the children's writing. To support your child's learning at home, please find time to read with them; reading aloud and discussing literature still forms an important part of your child's reading development even at Year 6.

Daily Routines and Reminders

- PE takes place every **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
- On days where Y6 have PE, children should attend school in their PE kit. Children should wear their school PE kit (**white T-Shirt with navy blue shorts**) but tracksuits (**in the same St Andrew's colours**) and trainers are also recommended.
- If your child will be attending a club on a day that is **not** a PE day, they must bring their PE kit and I will ensure that they are changed before their club starts.
- Clubs will take place after school from 3.15 - 4.15pm and places will need to be booked via the school money system. Details will be posted regularly on newsletters.
- Please make sure that your child has a **water bottle** in school – active brains need plenty of hydration!
- Homework will continue to be set on a **Wednesday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Arithmetic and reasoning test revision, spellings and times tables will continue to be ongoing homework activities and tests will take place each **Wednesday** afternoon.
- Spellings are always set on Spelling Shed, as well as being in homework books. We regularly use Spelling Shed in school but please encourage your child to use it at home too - it really does have a significant impact on many children's weekly scores. https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb.
- Login details for Spelling Shed, Code.org, Mathletics and TTrockstars are kept in the front of each child's homework book and were sent home just before Christmas. I would encourage your child to use them regularly at home.
- Reading: Your child will have a reading book in class and a whole class reading book (Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo) which they read along with myself at the end of the day. Encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis because children who regularly read at home generally make excellent progress in school. If your child is not bringing a book home to read, please encourage them to read their own book from home or a book from the public library.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. With very best wishes from the Year 6 team,

Mr Pope and Ms Turner.