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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the Spring Term.

Our main humanities topics this term will be the Ancient Egyptians in History, and the Nile in Geography (which will be taught by Miss Bragg on Wednesday mornings during my PPA). In science we will be moving onto physics, looking at Forces followed by Electricity. In maths we will start the term with a detailed look at fractions, decimals and percentages, and in English we will be reading *Fire, Bed and Bone* by Henrietta Branford and doing a big push on writing.

Homework will be set on a Friday and handed in the following Wednesday. I may occasionally ask children to finish off classwork for homework if they have not worked efficiently enough in class to finish the work.

I'd like to thank those of you who supported their children with learning last term's spellings. It is very obvious which children have been working hard on these, and which ones haven't so much (or thought they didn't need to bother!).

As well as the weekly homework tasks, please remember that even at the top end of primary school, it is very important that your child **reads daily with an adult**. This may only be for 5 or 10 minutes but the discussions these sessions generate are vitally important. Alongside reading, regular **times tables** practice is also essential – without a secure knowledge of the times tables your child will be unable to access the Year 5 and Year 6 maths curriculum. *Many thanks to those of you who are already doing all this!*

PE is on a Monday and Friday and children will need to bring full PE kit to school. They should keep their kit in school at all times. We are still having a lot of children turning up with incomplete PE kit. We are also having a growing trend of children informing me that they are unfit to take part in PE (without any sort of confirmation from their parents or other evidence to back up their claim), so this coming term, unless I hear from parents, I shall assume children are fit to take part.

Please take a look at the class website which is full of useful interactive resources to practice maths, spelling and reading, as well as a link to our class films and a list of book recommendations: <http://cliffordyear56.my-free.website/>



Last term we had a great time studying WW2 in depth, with a particular focus on Warsaw during the war. The children enjoyed listening to *The Silver Sword* and many of them did some fantastic research in their own time to help plan and write their own WW2 stories. As usual, those children who are prepared to go the extra mile in their own time, and who take responsibility for their learning during lessons, are the ones who make the most significant progress.

We also took part in numerous sports tournaments (even tasting some victory!), entered a county-wide art competition (which resulted in a winner and several runners-up) and tried to take our lessons outside wherever possible.

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Above ^: *making giant venn diagrams; visiting the ancient trees at Moccas Park; test-flying paper aeroplanes.*

Year 6 parents: there will be a meeting about SATS next Tuesday 15th January at 3:30pm. I will go through dates for the SATS and point you in the direction of resources which may help your child prepare for the tests. If there is anything you would particularly like me to cover during this meeting, please email me (ecollingwood@clifford.hereford.sch.uk) with any suggestions.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who helped out last term and the many different ways you have shown your support. If anybody can spare a bit of time (even half an hour) on a regular basis to listen to readers we would be extremely grateful.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Collingwood