

GROVE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 6 Gold class and the start of your child's final year at Grove Road.

It has been lovely to see how much the children have grown and matured over the summer. I'm delighted to be teaching them during this important final year. Although Year 6 brings plenty of hard work and high expectations, we also have some fantastic opportunities and experiences ahead of us, alongside new responsibilities, exciting learning and many memorable moments together.

Below is an overview of some of the learning planned for this half term in English and Maths, together with our homework expectations and key text:

English	Maths
Grammar, spelling and punctuation - Adverbials and cohesion - Subordinating conjunctions - Expanded noun phrases - Subjunctive form - Parentheses - Relative clauses - Semi-colons Writing - Historical narrative - Balanced argument Speaking & Listening - Explain their viewpoint, or another's, to someone who needs help or clarification	Number and Place Value - Read and write numbers to 10 million - Compare and order large numbers - Round numbers to different degrees of accuracy - Use place value to justify answers Four Operations - Use mixed operations and order of operations - Multiply by 2-digit numbers - Divide by 2-digit numbers, including remainders - Use efficient written and mental strategies - Solve multi-step multiplication and division problems - Find common multiples, common factors and prime numbers
Homework	Books We Will Be Reading
- All the following are checked on a Friday - Reading 5 times a week – recorded in the reading journal pages in their planner. - Reading eggs: Reading task - Reading eggs: Spelling task - Mathletics - TTRS – at least 30 minutes a week	Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian We will also use linked historical sources and extracts to deepen understanding of the Second World War and evacuation.

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Our topic this half term is ‘**Why did 1.5 million children go on holiday in 1939?**’

Through our History lessons, children will explore the impact of the Second World War on the people of Britain, with a particular focus on the experiences of children and evacuation. Our English work will be closely linked to this topic through *Goodnight Mr Tom*, historical narrative writing and a balanced argument. We will bring this learning to life through examining real WWII artefacts and our school trip to the Imperial War Museum, with further trip information to follow separately.

In Science, we will be learning about the classification of living things, while in D&T we will investigate structures through a bridges project. In Computing, children will design and develop a micro:bit-powered modification to a soft toy. In RE, we will consider whether Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are important to Jewish children. In PE, children will take part in swimming, fitness and rugby. In Music, we will explore the song *Happy* through pop and Motown; in French, our unit is *Notre Ecole – My School*; and in PSHE, we will focus on *Being Me in My World*.

Our school value focus this half term is **initiative** – developing leadership skills and learning to “just go for it”. This is especially important in Year 6 as children take on greater responsibility, develop independence and begin to see themselves as role models for younger pupils.

We will finish the half term with a special Year 6 assembly on **Thursday 8th October at 3:15pm**. The children will answer our key question and share some of their learning from the topic. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

As this is the children’s final year in Key Stage 2, strong routines and growing independence will make a real difference. Please support your child by encouraging regular reading, timely completion of homework and responsibility for bringing their planner and equipment to school each day.

Please don’t hesitate to e-mail gold@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Glenister

KS2 Phase Leader and Gold Class Teacher

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