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**Dear Parents / Guardians**

### **Spring 1 – 2019 Information Overview**

Welcome back to the spring term and the start of 2019. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year.

A whole school focus for the half term will be finding out about key skills, which help us learn. The key learning skills that the children will be thinking about include - collaboration, independence, resilience, communication, leadership and enthusiasm. The skills will form part of our Monday and Friday Assembly.

#### **Knowledge Organiser**

During the autumn term, teaching staff reviewed the half-termly planning overviews, which are sent out at the beginning of each half term. It has been decided to replace the Planning Overviews with a Knowledge Organiser in order to reflect the theme knowledge your child is required to know within the national curriculum. The Knowledge Organiser is designed in a child friendly format so that your child can access this knowledge. The Knowledge Organiser will be sent home at the beginning of each term, uploaded to the school website – Curriculum, Half Termly Overviews and will be put in your child's theme book. Please do spend time going through this knowledge with your child. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you require any further information regarding your child's learning.

#### **Open Ended Homework**

The Open Ended Homework will remain and your child will bring home an opened ended activity sheet linked to the Knowledge Organiser. The open-ended homework is designed for your child to complete independently or with an adult at home. The response to open ended homework is always fantastic and staff always look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

#### **Homework and Reading**

Please may I remind parents that the expectation is that every child should read at home at least twice a week and complete their homework every week. Homework includes: spellings, mathematics and Literacy. A more detailed overview of homework expectations can be found on the school website.



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### **Clubs**

Please may I remind all parents that after school clubs will re-start this week. Club allocation letters went out before the Christmas holidays. Please collect a club letter from the school office if your child wishes to join a club. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you require any further information regarding clubs.

### **Winter Weather and School Closure**

The winter weather is now upon us and with this comes the unpredictability of school being able to remain open during extreme weather conditions. We will always endeavour for school to remain open as we realise the great inconvenience school closure causes for parents. If there is a time, when school is forced to close this information will be posted on the following places

- 1 - Wakefield Council Website.
- 2 - The school website.
- 3 - Twitter
- 4 - Ridings FM broadcast.

### **Year 6 Pupil Parent and Teacher Meetings**

The Year 6 pupil, parent and teacher meetings originally planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> February have been changed. The dates for the meetings are now as follows:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1pm – 4pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1pm – 7pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm – 6pm

Letters, which explain the meetings, have been sent home with Year 6 children today. Please complete with your chosen day / time and return to Mr Quarry. Thank you.

### **Important Dates for the first half of the spring term**

(A spring calendar was given out before the Christmas holidays and all dates for the year can be found on the school website.)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Clubs start

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Young Voices



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Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 6 Parents Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Parents Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 4 school sleepover
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Parents Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	FS Inspire morning
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	FS to Y5 Parents Evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day 3

Thank you for your ongoing support

Headteacher