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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and very best wishes for 2022. We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and quality time with family and friends. Mrs Holt, Mrs Goddard and I all send our thanks for the kind and thoughtful gifts we received.

The start of a new calendar year is always an exciting opportunity to reflect on successes in the past and strive towards future achievements. It is lovely that Team Thames have settled back quickly and are ready to take on the challenges of the new term. As ever, we are delighted with their enthusiasm, resilience and positive attitude to learning.

PE lessons will continue to be on Thursday afternoons, delivered by Ignite Sport. Please could children keep their PE kit, including jogging bottoms and jumpers, in school each week: PE takes place outside unless the weather is really wet.

This term, our whole-school value is Resilience. We will be exploring this value and thinking about how we can apply it in our lives.

Our learning during the spring term will include the following curriculum topics:

English	Biography – Henry VIII & Elizabeth I Explanation texts Narrative – character development Recount SPAG and Comprehension skills
Maths	Fractions, decimals and percentages Converting units Perimeter, area and volume Statistics
Science	Properties and changes of materials Famous Scientists
Computing	Creating media – web page creation Data and information – spreadsheets
History/Geography	Tudors – Henry VIII & Elizabeth I Maps/atlases/countries/climates
DT/Art	Tudor portraits / collaborative art Observational drawing skills (Tudor objects still life) Sculpture - Tudor Roses Global food
PE	Ignite Sports Cooperative challenges
RE	Is anything ever eternal? Comparing major world beliefs Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?

Music	Roundabout: exploring rounds
MFL	Spanish
PSHE	Jigsaw scheme: Relationships

Homework will follow the same pattern as last term and children should continue to bring their homework back to school on Wednesdays and their spelling books on Thursdays.

Reading	Daily reading 15 – 20 minutes. Children should record the pages they have read and write a sentence each day, summarising their reading, in their diaries.	
Spellings	Spellings will be tested on a Thursday morning and new spellings will be given out and posted on Quizlet each Thursday.	
Maths CGP book	Weekly pages to complete, self-mark and return on Wednesday.	
Comprehension CGP book	Weekly pages to complete, self-mark and return on Wednesday.	

At present, we are still expecting Year 6 children to sit the national SATs this year in May, and are therefore working to prepare them appropriately. As part of this preparation, we will have a Mock SATs week during this term and one at the start of the summer term. This is simply to provide the children with the experience of what they can expect in May and to help us to plan and prepare for the logistics needed.

This term we are hoping to visit Sulgrave Manor as part of our topic on Tudors and we are also greatly looking forward to our residential trip to Kilvrough in the summer term. For preparation, we ask that you continue to support your children towards greater independence with personal organisation and responsibility. Health and fitness also play a key role in the children's development and enjoyment of a rich and varied curriculum and we appreciate all you do at home to support both a mentally and physically healthy environment for your children to flourish. We always welcome your help and support with your children's learning, and if you feel that there are any areas of this term's curriculum that you may be able to contribute to, please let us know.

As always, I welcome your questions or feedback, so please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office. It is always best to communicate early and openly should there be any concerns, to ensure a positive, productive and supportive environment for your children.

Best wishes

Heather Sparks
Thames Class Teacher