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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. This term is going to be a very busy and exciting term for the pupils in 6TS as we prepare for our move into the new building over half term, this however, will not interfere with our lessons and learning.

6TS newsletter

<u>Topic</u>

This term, during our topic lessons, we will be learning about the Maya, an ancient Central American civilisation. We will be finding out about different aspects of life and the impressive achievements of this civilisation. We will be exploring Mayan arts during our art lessons.

<u>Science</u>

We start the term with a special science workshop and assembly. We will then be finishing our work on adaptations and evolution before moving on to an electricity topic.

<u>PE lessons</u>

We will be concentrating on improving fitness this term. On Thursday afternoons we will be doing Quick Sticks hockey and some basketball skills work. As this will be outdoors, pupils need to be wearing trainers (not plimsolls) and a tracksuit or sweatshirt is advised. On Fridays, we will be focusing on developing our gymnastic skills, which will be indoors. A full school PE kit is required for this lesson.

<u>Homework</u>

Maths and English homework will be set on a Monday and is expected to be handed in on a Friday. Pupils can also attend homework club at school on Thursdays in order to complete their work. Pupils are also reminded that they should also be working on either prodigy/times tables rockstars to support their maths and spelling frame to support their spelling as part of their weekly homework. As there is no topic related homework, pupils are expected to spend more time independently working on their reading, grammar and maths skills. This could be achieved by completing more pages from their homework books, spending more time on computer based learning programs or completing some extra reading each night (pupils should be reading for 20 minutes each night at least).

Yours sincerely

Miss Saddington, Mrs Piner, Mrs Kingsbury