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Friday, 06 November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope you and your family enjoyed the break.

Please keep this letter to refer to, but if you have any further questions, please email during school hours at: michele.hughes@cuddington.thpt.org.uk or Alex.Farley@Cuddington.thpt.org.uk

Curriculum for this half term

In English this half term, we will be exploring the theories of Evolution and Inheritance while investigating the effects of climate change and human intervention on the animal kingdom. Using the texts Can We Save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins and The Last Bear by Hannah Gold, pupils will research environmental issues and develop their persuasive writing and speaking skills through speeches and discussions. In reading lessons, we will delve deeper into The Last Bear to explore the author's themes, language choices and the context of the story, developing a deeper understanding of the text.

We will also be considering our own local environment within Geography, where we will survey the area around school through fieldwork. This term in science, we will be learning all about light and how it travels and reacts with different surfaces. We will also explore the skill of manipulating the line of travel through mirrors.

PE

PE returns to **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoon now that swimming has finished and the topics for this half term will be Tag rugby and gymnastics. As PE is weather dependent, please ensure your child comes into school wearing weather appropriate PE kit for the day. Please note, as for all PE lessons, earrings will need to be removed, and hair tied back. Children will be taking part in vigorous exercise during these sessions so a full PE kit will be required on this day. If children are unable to take part, please inform us in writing. PE will be weather dependent so children will need to be prepared with indoor and outdoor kit. Children may wish to bring deodorant; we ask that this is roll on and not spray please.

Important Dates for Autumn 2:

6th November 2026 – Year 6 Height and weight checks.
11th November 2026 –Year 6 Visit to Pizza Express 9.30 - 11.30
12th November 2026 – Parent Conference Meetings
17th November 2026 – Parent Conference Meetings
18th November 2026 – School photographer

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20th November 2026 – Odd socks day
11th December 2026 – Christmas Jumper Day
11th December 2026 – Christmas dinner
15th December 2026- Carol service rehearsal
16th December 2025 – Christmas Carol Service
17th December – Year 6 Enterprise Christmas market stall **(3.10pm -3.25pm)**
18th December 2026 – End of Term 3.10 Finish

Home Learning
English and maths homework will be sent on a **Friday** from next week and is due in on **Wednesday** of the following week. Home Learning is expected to last 1 hour. Please encourage your child to do their best, but if your child has any difficulty, do write a note to let me know so we can follow this up in class.
As well as the maths activity, we would encourage the children to use TT Rockstars online for half an hour each week to improve their times tables.
In addition to the weekly home learning, a menu of homework choices will be sent home. Over the course of the half term, children will be expected to complete 3 of the activities - although children can complete them all if they wish.

Spellings
Each week the children will be given a list of 10 words to learn as part of their homework. The children will be learning spelling rules and patterns in their spelling sessions in class, so it is important that the spelling words are practised ready for their weekly spelling test each week. Spellings will be given on a Friday, and the spelling test will take place on the following Friday.

Reading
Below is a list of 6 books taken from the recommended reading list for Year 6. To encourage all children to read across a range of books these are some suggestions of texts which could be read independently or can be read to the children at home.
Each half term, I will suggest different books for the children to read. If you would like more support in choosing reading books for your child, please do let me know.

Suggested books for this half term:

The Girl of Ink and Stars	Kiran Millwood
When the sky falls	Phil Earle
Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo
Impossible Creatures	Katherine Rundell
Glitter Boy	Ian Eagleton
The Final Year	Matt Goodfellow

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Reading Records
Hearing your child read is vital to support their progress and enhance their language development. In Year 6 children are expected to read every night for at least 20 minutes. Please listen to your child read and ask questions to ensure they understand what they are reading and can comment on the book expressing their opinions and reasons. Please sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read. Records are expected to be handed in daily.

Communications with Parents
If you have any questions or would like to discuss something with us, then please email or call the school office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Mrs Hughes and Mr Farley.