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Dear Parents/Guardians

A Happy New Year to you all!

Welcome back! Miss Austin and I hope that you all enjoyed a safe, healthy and restful Christmas break and we thank you for the lovely cards and gifts we received at the end of last term-it wasn't at all expected but was truly appreciated. We are now beginning our new topic this term which is "Peace and Conflict, see below for more information on what we will be covering.

Science: Living things and their habitats

History: this will be taught by Mr Ind on a Wednesday afternoon for the first half term. Children will be learning about the Anglo Saxon and Viking conflict in Britain.

Design & Technology: Viking long ship (mechanical systems)

Art: William Turner

RE: Sikhism

Computing: coding, networks and understanding Binary

Music: djembe drumming as well as studying Gustav Holst's piece "Mars- bringer of war" and exploring The Haka (a Maori tradition).

PE: PE in school will continue to take place with Aspire leading the sessions. Our PE days will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we ask that children come in wearing uniform with their PE kit to change in to. It may be worth mentioning that whilst the weather is wet and the field is muddy, the children are more than welcome to bring in a spare pair of shoes.

French: Mrs Byers will continue to teach our class (one session a week) on a Tuesday afternoon, with lessons linked to 'le café'.

Learning for Life: We will be looking at both Physical Health and Mental Health and Well-being.

Collective Worship: **Friendship** is our Christian Value this half term with **Forgiveness** following after half term. Our current class texts link very well to this topic.

Learning To Learn: Throughout the school we continue to develop our learning skills. This term, we will be focusing on being **resourceful** and improving our ability to be **risk-takers!**

Literacy and Maths continue as before. We have kicked off our literacy with a fantastic book (Hostage-Malorie Blackman) which was chosen by the children. We will also be studying the infamous Romeo and Juliet as well as exploring the art of poetry.

Last term, the children worked extremely hard on securing their understanding of place value and the four key operations and applied this to BIDMAS. Now we move on to fractions, decimals and percentages and how we manipulate these.

Transition: This term will include a trip to Midhurst Rother College for a transition day and Mrs Clarke and I will be attending a number of meetings with the relevant members of staff at the college, to pass on transition information regarding your child-which happens each year to ensure that the pupils gain the best start possible!

Residential: This is also the term of our residential trip to Little Canada- Isle of Wight which we will try to keep calm about until nearer the time, however it is VERY exciting!

Leaver's Hoodies: We are in the process of ordering the infamous Leaver's Hoodies (which are generously purchased by our PTA) and in order for us to do this we need consent from all of our parents. As in previous years, the hoodies will display both first and surnames of each Year Six Pupil.

Due to this, it is essential that we have your permission via the slip below, by Friday 13th January 2023.

Once again Miss Austin and I would like to thank you for all your ongoing support. We are truly pleased with how well your children are getting on and look forward to the upcoming term!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any concerns or worries regarding your children and school.

Lee Bowles

Name of pupil: _____

(Circle the appropriate statement)

I give consent for my child to have their first name and surname on the school Leaver's hoody.

I consent for only my child's first name to be printed on the school Leaver's hoody.

I do not consent for my child's name to appear on the school leaver's hoody.

Parent/carer signature: _____ **Date:** _____