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Dear Parents,

Over the coming year, we will encourage and enthuse your children as confident and responsible learners. We would like to take this opportunity to outline some important class 6 routines that we hope will be helpful to you.

Mrs Shorter will be teaching the children on Monday morning, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Bailey will be teaching on Monday afternoon. The support staff will be Mr King, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Buck.

Our topic for this term is Science-based (**Living things and their habitats**) with a focus on **Birds of Prey**. The driving questions for our project are: "What is a raptor? How can you identify a bird of prey?" Subject areas that will be included in our project are Science, Literacy, Geography, Art, DT and Maths.

The hook for our project is a visit to Millets Farm Falconry Centre on Tuesday 10th September (children will need a packed lunch).

The outcome of our project is to have an exhibition based on birds of prey, also including animal reports and a collection of fables that the children created. The date is **Wednesday 23rd October from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm**.

The children will need to create a homework project (details to follow).

On **Thursday 12th September from 5:30 pm** we would like to invite you to a parents evening (in Year 6 classroom), where we will be explaining the expectations for the year, including a presentation about SATs. I hope to see lots of you there.

During this term Literacy and Numeracy will be linked to our Topic where appropriate. Some areas covered in Literacy will be fables, persuasive texts, poetry and animal reports. We will also be using information books and explanation texts. Numeracy will involve consolidation and extending areas studied before, such as place value and decimals, calculations and measurements.

Sports

Monday- swimming at Harwell Pool (swimming costume and hat required)

Tuesday- P.E./Games (outdoor and indoor kit required)

To avoid lost kit, please could you ensure all clothing are clearly labelled.

Although we are encouraging the children to become more independent in organising themselves, please, do feel welcome to come into the classroom to see the children's work. I also hope that you will be happy to approach us with any queries or concerns that you may have during the year. You can contact me directly by email:

mrs.shorter@harwellprimaryschool.co.uk

If you would like to discuss your child's progress or any concerns in more detail, we would be happy to make an appointment with you after school. If there is anything we have missed or you are still unsure about, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to a fun and productive year!

Best Wishes,

Oana Shorter and Year 6 team