

Hello Sharks,

I'm so excited to dive into a brand-new year of learning with you all! This is your final year at primary school—and it's going to be one to remember. Get ready for a year filled with exciting topics, unforgettable memories, and important steps to help you feel ready for secondary school. Here's just a splash of what's to come...

From September, we'll begin our journey exploring the fascinating history of Africa in our topic *Maafa*. We'll look at how the past has shaped the present and learn about the resilience and strength of people through time. In Science, we'll dive into the amazing world of the human body—learning all about the circulatory system, the functions of the heart, and how to keep ourselves healthy. Later, we'll light up our learning with a unit on electricity!

In Spring, we'll dive into the icy waters of the Arctic and Antarctic and the tropical heat in our topic *Near and Far* learning about climate, explorers and what makes these environments so extreme. Our Science focus will be all about classifying living things and understanding the complex web of life on Earth.

As we head into Summer, we'll step into the world of *Britain at War*, exploring the causes and effects of the world wars, and the bravery of those who lived through them. In Science, we'll investigate light and explore how we see the world around us.

You'll also get to take part in exciting Design and Technology projects, become confident digital citizens through computing lessons, and show your creativity in art, music and drama. You'll even get the chance to write speeches, poems, stories and biographies – showing off all your amazing writing skills.

Of course, we'll be preparing for the SATs in May too — but don't worry! We'll work as a team, take it step by step, and make sure you feel ready and confident. Times tables will be a big focus, so get ready to keep your TTRS skills sharp! Reading every day is also super important – we'll be working on reading with fluency, speed and understanding, and enjoying some fantastic books like *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, *Windrush Child*, and the powerful poetry of Matt Goodfellow.

There will be opportunities to shine on the sports field, perform in shows, go on trips, and celebrate everything you've achieved in your time at primary school. Most of all, we'll support each other as a true team – a **school of Sharks** – gliding through the year with determination, teamwork and resilience.

I can't wait to get started and see everything you achieve this year. Let's make Year 6 unforgettable!

See you soon, Sharks!

Warm wishes,
Miss Thorogood
Sharks Class Teacher