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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our very first theme of the year, **'Game Designer'**! We have an exciting term planned that will mainly focus on science, Design Technology, and spoken language.

To kick off the theme, the children will build on their previous knowledge of electrical circuits. They will carry out practical scientific investigations using correct circuit symbols, making predictions, recording their data, and drawing conclusions from their observations. In Design Technology, the classes will use this scientific knowledge to research different types of games and work in groups to build their own buzz wire games!

Alongside our core theme, we have many wonderful experiences planned. The children will take the JED careers quiz, explore static electricity, and participate in an immersive Now Press Play lesson on Diwali. We will also visit our edible playground and enjoy a trip to St. George's Hall.

In English, we will explore portal stories and look at a variety of texts before writing our own exciting versions. Our class novel this term will be Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Spoken language will be a key focus, with the children practicing how to listen, respond appropriately, build on each other's ideas, and express themselves clearly using Standard English.

Across our other subjects, we have plenty more learning lined up:

- **R.E. & PSHE:** In R.E., we will explore how Sikhs symbolise their commitment, while PSHE lessons will focus on building relationships and being a good friend.
- **Computing & French:** Children will learn about computer networks and spreadsheets, as well as online safety topics covering self-image and identity. In French, we will build vocabulary around clothing and family members while practicing everyday classroom routines.
- **Music & P.E.:** In Music, we will learn the glockenspiel following the Charanga unit 'Happy'. In P.E., we will develop attacking, defending, and athletics skills through netball and hockey, with some children taking part in a Frisbee tournament.

Helping at Home

We would love for you to join us for an after-school information session on **Thursday 10th September at 3:30pm** in school. We will share ways to support your child's learning and discuss important topics like secondary school applications and SATs.

To support your child at home, you could:

- Ensure they complete their weekly homework and log onto **TT Rockstars**, **IDL**, or **Purple Mash**.
- Research electricity, its uses, and its impact on the environment using the library or helpful sites like BBC Bitesize, DK Find Out, and Switched On Kids.
    - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs
    - https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/electricity/
    - http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/
- Play battery-powered games together, such as *Operation* or a buzz wire game.
- Read or watch portal stories like *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Wizard of Oz*, or *Jumanji*.
- Look out for recommended reads like *The City of Light* by Steve Griffin, *Tom's Midnight Garden* by Philippa Pearce, or *The Last of the Naval Navigators* by David Hailwood.

Warm regards,

The Year 6 Team

Mr Stafford, Mr Flynn, and Miss Wetherall