

Tuesday 30th June 2020

Dear Class 4 and families,

I am writing to touch base with you all and to let you know I am thinking of you. I hope you are well. In school, the Y6 children are continuing to do work to prepare them for transition to secondary school and we are now turning our attention to our memories of our primary school life before their farewell picnic on the last Tuesday afternoon.

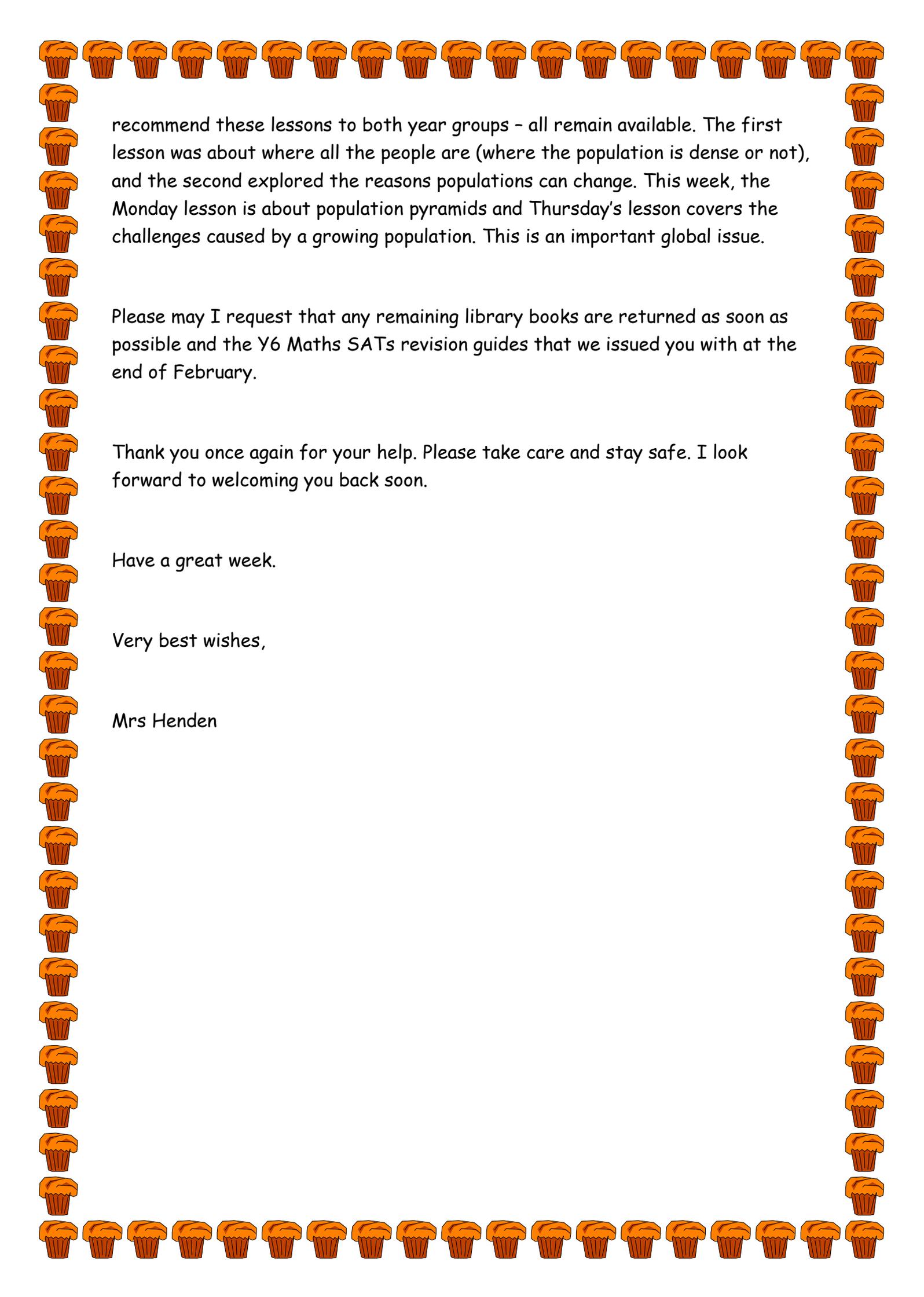
I have been really pleased with the positive response to the school opening to the other school year groups on the last two days of term and I am very much looking forward to welcoming you back. During those sessions, I plan to do the sorts of things that we would do for move-up days. It will give us a good chance to catch up with each other's news and get to know one another again after what seems (and has actually been) such a long time...

Thank you for your continued efforts with home learning. It has been very pleasing to hear that some of you have been so enthused by learning new things that you have gone on to do your own independent research to find out more. That is a super skill to have and will serve you well for studies throughout your life.

First News, the newspaper that we receive each week in class, is available in digital form for free by following this link https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/resources/FIRSTNEWS_732-1.pdf . It will keep you up to date with current news.

The Oak National Academy continues to add more subjects and resources. There is an activity club section for each year group which includes cook-alongs, art clubs and clubs that link to organisations such as the scouts. Perhaps you could learn a new skill or craft? There are weekly assemblies on topical issues. The PSHE lesson on Monday of week 9 for both year groups focussed on 'Black Lives Matter' in a way that makes it easy for children to understand and is very topical. The PSHE lesson on Monday of week 10 expanded on this theme with the title 'George Floyd; a catalyst for change.' The children in class have mentioned this issue frequently in our 'time to talk' sessions so is clearly something on their minds.

Well done if you attempted the essay about the Cold War. The excellent history and geography teacher, Mr Hutchinson, returned to Year 6 on Mondays and Thursdays during week 9 with a new topic about population changes and I would

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recommend these lessons to both year groups - all remain available. The first lesson was about where all the people are (where the population is dense or not), and the second explored the reasons populations can change. This week, the Monday lesson is about population pyramids and Thursday's lesson covers the challenges caused by a growing population. This is an important global issue.

Please may I request that any remaining library books are returned as soon as possible and the Y6 Maths SATs revision guides that we issued you with at the end of February.

Thank you once again for your help. Please take care and stay safe. I look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Have a great week.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Henden