

# Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter.



Happy New Year, we hope you have had a wonderful Christmas. We have lots of fun and creative activities planned for the Spring Term as well as a lot of hard work as we begin preparing, in earnest, for the SATs in May. It's a short term, but there's a lot to do!

**EQUIPMENT** - A reminder that all children need a drawstring bag that will fit in their cubby hole, a pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler, rubber and a sharpener, and correct PE kit including plimsolls and trainers. School shoes should be worn to and from school every day and long hair should be tied up. No nail polish or jewellery should be worn with the exception of stud earrings.

**MATHEMATICS:** We will continue to consolidate and develop key skills in all areas. In addition to this there will be a focus on revision in the lead up to SATs. We will also be having daily arithmetic lessons to reinforce basic calculation and written methods. Topics this term include: division; fractions and percentages; measures including time; shape and space including angles and coordinates; data handling and algebra.

**ENGLISH:** This term we will be writing a variety of text types based on what we learnt about the heart in the autumn term. We will also be exploring alternative versions of fairy tales. In preparation for the reading test in May, our reading comprehension lessons will now see the children organised into five ability groups once a week for targeted teaching.

**SCIENCE:** Our focus is on electricity and light.

**TOPIC:** Our history topic is Britain since 1930. The children will receive a homework project this half term involving research on an aspect of life and how it has changed in the last 80 years. We will be looking at how changes have occurred in music, technology and the UK population.

After our '*stunning starter*' disco celebrating music and dance through the ages. Our '**excellent ending**' will be the ever magnificent projects the children always produce. In the second half of the term, our Geography topic will be Rivers and as part of this, we will be visiting the River Wandle.

**R.E.:** The children will be continuing to explore the Christian message and how it has survived for over 2000 years.

**P.S.H.E:** Children will be researching a variety of age appropriate topical issues and how they feel these could affect their health and wellbeing and how the lives of children affected by them could be improved.

**COMPUTING:** This term two classes will be looking at programming in detail. We will continue to be using technology across the curriculum for a variety of purposes.

**ART and D.T.:** To link in with our writing, we will be looking at the life and works of Leonardo da Vinci. We will be using a variety of pencils to sketch parts of the anatomy and then using different mediums to create their own pieces.

**P.E./GAMES:** For indoor P.E we will be doing gymnastics which will focus on performing a range of jumps for the first half term. The second half of spring will be street dance and using a range of movements. Outdoor will be hockey and basketball.



**READING:** Please ensure that you hear your child read, or discuss your child's reading, every day for at least 10 minutes as it is incredibly important in aiding their learning in all areas of the curriculum. Please ensure you note down what they have read in your child's homework diary so that this can be recorded for our half-termly reading reward.

**TIMES TABLES:** Children should now be familiar with using Times table Rockstars. They will continue to have regular opportunities in school and for homework to practise their times tables, however, it is recommended that children should be practicing every day for 10 minutes.

**HOMEWORK:** Maths and English homework will be set once a week but as two separate tasks. Maths is set on Monday and will consist of 2 tasks. Task 1 will consist of a game, online activity or a simple exercise which is not required to be handed in for marking. Task 2 will be a written task which will need to be in on Thursdays to be marked. English is set on Thursday and will also consist of two tasks in the same manner as maths. Task 2 will be handed in on Mondays to be marked. In addition your child will receive half termly project based around another curriculum subject which will be shared and celebrated at the end of each half term. All homework is expected to be completed.

Homework will be given out and collected as follows:

Subject	Day	Hand in by/diary signed by	Response
Reading	Daily	Friday	Fill in your diary reading record.
English (2 tasks)	Monday	Thursday	An adult should sign homework diary to confirm completion of Task 1. Complete task 2 and hand in.
Maths (2 tasks)	Thursday	Monday	An adult should sign homework diary to confirm completion of Task 1. Complete task 2 and hand in.
Topic	Half - termly	Given by class teacher.	Complete task and hand in.

Parent/Teacher appointments will be in the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. There will also be a meeting to provide information about SATS later in the Spring Term and we will confirm the date and time soon. We hope your child has returned to school well rested and with the enthusiasm needed to achieve the best they can in this important term.

Yours sincerely,

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