

Year 6 Newsletter : Spring 1 2019

Spring 1 2019 in Year 6

Happy New Year and welcome to 2019! We all hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Last half term was yet again another half term of achievements. Thank you to parents for all your support with the homework challenges and our Evacuee Day. Year 6 also had lots of fun getting involved in Christmas activities such as the Emmanuel Church service, Christmas dinner in the hall and taking the starring roles in our Christmas production. We were very impressed with their commitment to the play and their roles. Despite limited rehearsal time, they pulled out two fabulous performances. We are so proud of them!

Many parents have asked us how they can best support their child in preparing for their SATs and for the transition into Secondary School. After school booster sessions and revision guides will be available soon - further details to follow. As always attendance is extremely important to ensure that key learning and revision is not missed. If you have any further questions or queries, then please ask.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Blower, Mrs Shelton and Mrs Critch.

A CHILD'S WAR

For Spring 1, Year 6 will continue with the topic 'A Child's War' which will allow the children to take part in a range of foundation subjects from the National Curriculum.

ART & DESIGN - Embellish 3d forms using collage techniques such as decoupage.

DT - Select suitable materials to make a WW2 style toy.

HISTORY - Use a range of source material to make comparisons between children in WW2 to those of today. Use and understand a range of terms used to describe a specific period in history. Describe the negative and positive impact of a period in history - comparing life for Jewish and German children. Create timelines to plot significant events from WW2.

COMPUTING - Use algorithms within coding software on Purple Mash.

Year 6 children will also be using these Thematic lessons to develop cross-curricular writing, embedding key skills taught in core Literacy lessons.

SPELLINGS & TIMES TABLES PRACTISE

It is important that all Year 6 pupils are practising their weekly spellings and times tables each week.

Ideally children should complete both of these practises daily to ensure they are committing them to their long-term memory. Once children are able to instantly recall times table facts, they should begin to recall the corresponding division facts.

This will really support them in many areas of Maths.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4th February - E-Safety Assembly

Friday 15th February - End of half term

Library Van Dates

All dates on a Wednesday morning.

9th January, 30th January, 27th February

Maths Booster Sessions

After school Maths Booster sessions will be taking place every Thursday from 3:20pm - 4:30pm for ALL of Year 6 to attend. These sessions are vital in ensuring the children are prepared and confident in taking their SATs assessments in May. The first session will be on Thursday 17th January. Mrs Blower, Mrs Shelton, Mrs Patel and Miss Snowball will be supporting the pupils in these revision sessions. Further details to follow.

PE

ALL children will require a full PE Kit in YEAR 6. It is advised they bring it to school on a Monday and return it home for washing on a Friday.

Earrings must be removed for each session - plasters must not be used to cover earrings. Long hair should also be tied back. PE will be on Friday afternoons.



Literacy

During this half term we will continue to develop our writing skills using a range of World War 2 texts. From these we will be analysing characters and settings, and developing our vocabulary further to help us write a range of emotive narratives. Year 6 will continue to develop their Reading Skills using '60 Second Reads', 'Karaoke Comprehension' and using Reading Booster sessions to develop skills around the Content Domain. SPaG skills will be taught and revised daily as well as during our SPaG booster session on a Wednesday afternoon.

Numeracy

In Maths, we will be focussing on using and applying all of the learning around number and place value in many other areas of maths including shape, graphs, decimals, fractions and percentages and measures. In afternoon and after-school maths booster sessions, we will be using test questions to improve our test techniques in all areas.

Science

In Science, we will be continuing our learning on evolution and independence, before learning how changing the components in a circuit can affect how they function. This will involve lots of practical work and will also give us the opportunity to apply our writing skills in different contexts.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality is extremely important in Year 6. The Government has set the guideline for pupil attendance to be 96.2% as per the National Standard. It is very important that children are present in school each day to ensure good progress in learning - Every day counts! Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by **8.50am**.

Children in Year 6 start each day with **Morning Starters** so it is very important they start school on time.

Homework

•In Year 6, children are expected to develop their independent work skills further. This includes reading (approx. 30 minutes per night). A key element that many Year 6 children need to develop is being able to read fluently at pace. Please encourage this by listening to your child read regularly. Home readers will be sent home from school & your child will have the opportunity to take a free choice book home from our school library.

•Your child also has a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school. **Please ensure that this is filled in once a week.**

•Individual spellings will also be sent home weekly. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then using the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences.

•**Year 6 will not receive Topic Homework Challenges this half term**, but instead the focus will be on revision of writing, grammar and Maths. Therefore, each week a Literacy / Maths based homework will be sent home.

•**Homework is due back in school by Wednesday.** This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.

•Year 6 also have a Learning Journal. Please ensure that your child is showing you this journal every week and that **you sign it** so that you are aware of the homework they have received. This is essential in preparing your child for secondary school. Some children still need support in organising themselves and are yet to bring their planners in every week. We appreciate the support you are giving them.