

# Year 6 Newsletter : Summer 1 2019

Welcome Back Year 6!

We hope that you had a lovely Easter break and are well rested for what the summer term has to bring - not only the final term of the year but the final term of your child's primary education. Let's hope that it is a memorable one!

During the spring term the whole class continued to work hard towards improving their scores within the weekly mock SAT tests that they were working on (as discussed with most of you at parents' evening) and this format will continue throughout Summer 1 so as to familiarise children with SAT week expectations and make them as comfortable as possible in the lead up to their tests.

As always, we would like to reiterate the importance of your child being in school every day. Particularly at this time of year, as we revise all prior learning, daily attendance is vital. Please again make a note of the SAT week dates and ensure that your child is in school EVERY single day and on time, during this week. We will shortly be sending you details regarding the administration of the SAT tests and the structure of the week itself.

This half-term is an important and exciting one. Your child will naturally feel nervous about the upcoming SATs, but should be encouraged to view them as a chance to celebrate their achievements and show off what they can do.

As always, please come and see us if you have any concerns or questions.  
Thank you

Mrs Blower, Mrs Shelton and Mrs Critch

**Year 6 SATs week takes place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.  
Please ensure that your child is in school EVERY day during this week in particular.**

## Maths Booster Sessions

These sessions will still continue for the following dates:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

## **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May (SATs Week)**

The final session will be during SATs week and will move from the Thursday to the Wednesday for that last session.

## Dates for your diary

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Library Van

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 10<sup>th</sup> May - Mock SATs Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - 17<sup>th</sup> May - SATs Week

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Half term ends

## PE

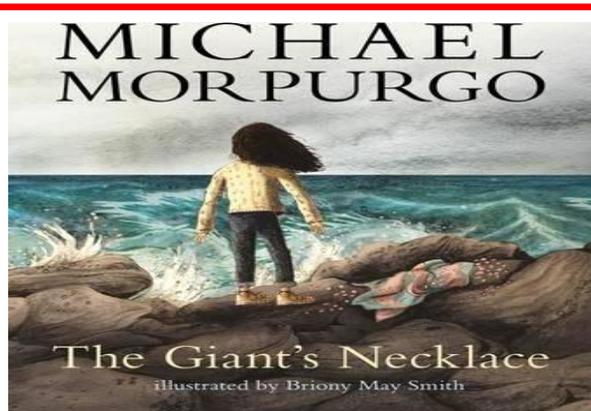
ALL children will require a full PE Kit in YEAR 6. It is advised they bring it to school on a Monday and return it home for washing on a Friday. Earrings must be removed for each session - plasters must not be used to cover earrings. Long hair should also be tied back. PE will be on Friday afternoons until the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May when it will be held on Tuesday mornings.

## Pupil School Reading Books

All children MUST bring their home reading books to school every day. Reading books will still be changed as and when the children complete a text, but they must be in school daily.

## Literacy

Year 6 will begin their study of 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo. Some outstanding writing was produced last half term and we are going to build on this success by using this text to inspire other genres of writing. SPaG and Reading revision sessions will continue with daily recaps and an afternoon booster sessions every week.



## Numeracy

This half term we will continue to concentrate on revising all of the areas of maths in preparation for SATs.

## 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.**

•Your child is expected to learn the spellings of words in both the Year 3 / 4 and the Year 5/6 lists by using Look, Cover, Write & Check. They will also be set specific pages from the CGP Spelling Revision book.

•**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 Literacy and 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.