

Year 6 Class Newsletter: Spring 1 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 6's first newsletter of 2024. I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and had a relaxing break. I would also like to thank you all for your very generous gifts; they were very much appreciated.

This term, we will be reinforcing our important preparation for SATs - which the children will take in May (summer term) - and we would like to ask you to continue to help and support the children with their home learning. Please feel free to come and talk to me if there is anything you would like to know about your child's learning.

Many thanks,

Miss Browne, Mrs Jardim and Miss Patel

Goodnight Mister Tom

To start the spring term, we will complete reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian which was linked to their History topic last year on World War II. The children have been comparing the novel to the film. Their final piece of writing linked to this high quality text will be a sequel.

The London Eye Mystery

Once we have completed our work on 'Goodnight Mister Tom', we will be moving on to read, 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd.

Prayer and Worship

We are continuing to build on the importance of our faith within the classroom and school. We are particularly focusing on prayer and the children will be developing and leading various Acts of Worship for both their peers and other children within the school.

Reading

Please ensure that your child is reading for at least **20 minutes every night**. Reading is fundamental to all learning, which is why developing a love of reading is very important.

I will be monitoring the amount that the children are reading and they must complete their reading journals, which I will check weekly. Please sign these once a week.

PE

This term, Year 6 will now have PE on Wednesdays with Coach Aidan.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full PE kit - including the correct trainers.

Homework

The children will continue to receive homework on Fridays, which will be due on Thursdays.

This homework will consolidate classroom learning, or involve research on a given topic.

Home Reading in Year 6

Children are expected to read **for at least 20 mins every evening**.

SATs

Please encourage your children to do a little extra work in Reading and Mathematics. The following are very good interactive websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

They can also complete activities on Mathletics.

Important Dates

Year 6 SATs meeting

Monday 22nd January (3.45-4.15)

Trip to the Science Museum

Wednesday 31st January (10.30-3.00)

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 2nd February

Trip to the National Archives

Tuesday 6th February (1.00-3.00)

1:1 Parent Meetings

Tuesday 6th February and Wednesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February

Half term

12th-16th February 2024

How can you help at home?

- ✓ Set aside a specific time and area for your child to work on their home learning.
- ✓ Help them to be organised with their time so that all deadline dates are met.
- ✓ Encourage your child to read as widely as possible! (Not just books brought home from school).
- ✓ It is so important to listen to your child read to you. Ask them questions about the text to develop their understanding and comprehension. Sign your child's Reading Record and please add comments where appropriate.
- ✓ Look for the everyday life Mathematics opportunities. Encourage them to work out change with money, tell the time and use their knowledge of the 4 operations in real contexts.
- ✓ Encourage your child to develop their independence and take responsibility for their learning:
 - Have you got your Reading Book?
 - Is your home learning completed?

English

We will be focusing on 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd.

Using the text, we will write in a variety of both fiction and non-fiction genres. We will write diary entries, character descriptions, newspaper reports, instructional texts and non-chronological reports. Throughout our reading of the text, we will look at further developing and enhancing our comprehension skills.

Mathematics

Fractions - adding, subtracting, dividing, multiplying a range of fractions and mixed numbers, and finding fractions of amounts

Decimals - converting decimals to fractions, and multiplying and dividing decimals

Ratio and proportion

Algebra - forming solving equations

Measurement - converting units

RE

Spring 1: Exploring the Mass

In this unit, the children will learn about the different parts of the Mass and the symbolism involved.

Spring 2: Jesus, the Messiah

In this unit, the children will learn about Jesus as the Messiah and what this means for us. In preparation for Easter, they will find out about the events of Holy Week.

Science

Evolution and Inheritance:

- To recognise that living things have changed over time
- To recognise that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
- To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- To identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways
- To understand that adaptation may lead to evolution

Wider Curriculum

(Geography/Computing/PE/Art)

Geography: 'Why is Fair Trade Fair?'

Computing: 'Computer Systems and Networks: Bletchley Part'

PE: Netball

Art: 'Painting and Mixed Media'