

# Year 6 Spring Term

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a very enjoyable break. We have really enjoyed seeing the children again and they have come back refreshed and with lots of enthusiasm!

## Key dates

P.E (Tues and Fri) will take place every week. Please ensure the children have a green tee shirt to change into on these days.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Visit to London South Bank University (University Experience Day)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Royal Courts of Justice trip (Trial role play)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Road safety workshop

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Last Day of Term

We will provide you with more information about these events, and of any new events which go in the diary, nearer the time. Please keep reading Andrew's newsletters and the weekly class newsletters for up to date information.

## Literacy

In English, this term we will be focussing on the text 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman; the first 4 weeks of our writing will be in response to this. We will also be looking at persuasive writing, discussions, information reports and poetry.

As we build up to the SATS, which take place in May, we will be increasing the focus on grammar and spelling. We will put some key spellings, which follow specific themes, rules or patterns, in the class weekly newsletter each week. As well as the homework, please encourage the children to practice these spellings.

## Maths

The children will continue to take part in daily maths lessons which will follow the 'Calculate, Apply, Think' model. The key topics this half term are algebra, fractions, decimals, percentages, area, perimeter, volume and statistics. As well as these topics, the children will have an additional arithmetic lesson each week. This lesson will focus on their calculation skills as one of the maths SATs tests is pure arithmetic. Please encourage the children to come and speak to us about any specific topics they are finding tricky – we will find time to put in extra 1:1 practice with them.

## Reading

Our daily reading lessons will continue as normal this half term, with a focus on the key

comprehension skills of vocabulary, retrieval, inference and summarising. We will have plenty of time to read for pleasure as well – our library has been restocked with wonderful new books so there are plenty of choices! If your child has a book at home which they are enjoying, they are welcome to bring it in each day to read in school.

### History and Geography

Our topic for this term is 'We Are All Born Free', which will explore global issues such as human rights, migration and global trade.

### Wider curriculum

- Science: The human heart and circulatory system/Evolution and Inheritance, focusing on systems of classifications and key scientists.
- R.E: Christian values and the end of life
- Computing: Coding
- Art: Drawing, Collage and Textiles
- D.T: Making burgers

### Homework

Homework will be set each Friday. There will be one English task, one IXL Maths task (or worksheet) and one SATS revision task. Shortly, children will be provided with the Maths SATS revision books to help them prepare for their tests in May. We will provide instructions each week on Google Classroom about what specifically needs to be completed.

It is really important that the children start to prepare for life in secondary school. This means that they must complete all pieces of homework every week. If for any reason they are unable to do so, please let us know before the deadline.

### Finally....

This term is always a busy one in Year 6 as the children start to put all the things they have learned over their time in KS2 into practice and start to prepare for the SATS. **The SATS take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.** We will provide you with more information closer to the time but please ensure any appointments are scheduled around these dates.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing, come and see us at the end of the day. We are always available to chat once we have dismissed the children safely. If you cannot chat at the end of the day, please contact us via email: [connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk) / [twilliams@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:twilliams@wtwschool.co.uk).

Thank you!

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