

Happy New Year and welcome to our Spring 1 newsletter. We hope you had an enjoyable time over the Christmas period and are fully recovered from all the eating and festivities! Please find enclosed useful dates and information about forthcoming events and, as usual, what your child may be covering this half term. We hope you find this useful and welcome any suggestions for future issues.

During this half term some of the things that your child will be learning about, mainly based around the Literacy topic of Shakespeare, are as follows:

LITERACY – Extended writing exercises
Playscripts

Using a range of oral techniques to present narratives

Points of view and impact of a text

Reading and comprehension of extended texts

Sentence and text construction

MATHS – Number systems and relationships

Fractions, decimals and percentages

Problem solving

Area and perimeter

HISTORY – The life and times of Shakespeare.

ART – Techniques of painting and using water colours. Artwork relating to images from Shakespeare including modelling using mod-roc

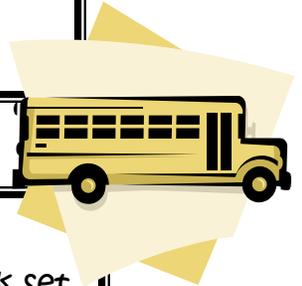
As always, we encourage parents and children to work together at home, as this can be of great benefit to the child and can make learning more fun!



School Visits



We have booked our annual trip to Crucial Crew later this half term on Friday 20th January. This is based at the Lifewise Centre, Rotherham. During their time there, the children are put into various scenarios by members of the Fire and Police service and have to act out, and talk about, what they would do if each situation or scenario really happened. This is extremely beneficial to the children and really opens their eyes to everyday dangers. We feel very strongly that all children should have this experience and therefore do not charge for the trip. You will receive further information about this trip shortly.



Homework

May we ask you to continue to check if your child has had any homework set and when it needs to be completed.

Homework for your child includes: regular reading, weekly spellings and number work, consolidation of lessons (Maths and English) and the project which has been set by Miss Woodall this week! Your children have been given revision guides for maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation which are for use at home.

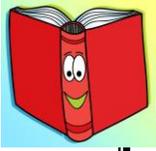
There are three Lunchtime Clubs each week where pupils can get advice on presentation and research their chosen topic.

May we also take this opportunity to thank everyone again who helped their child complete the last project. If you can assist them on this project too, and more importantly ensure your child hands it in on time, it would be greatly appreciated.



Reading

The school is focusing on importance of reading. You can support your children by ensuring they read at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading diary. If children are struggling to find a suitable and enjoyable book, then please speak to Miss Woodall or Mr Holland. Children can also read other texts such as newspapers, football programmes or suitable magazines.



Reminders

BIG WRITE – As usual, Big Write will take place during this half term. You will be receiving a letter with details of what your child will be writing about, and a reply slip asking for ambitious words relating to the theme. Parents of this year group have so far provided some fantastic words for Big Write, and the children do enjoy trying to fit as many into their writing as possible. This also provides the children with a much more varied vocabulary, which will obviously help them to improve their writing.

ATTENDANCE – The attendance of the two Year 6 classes is 94.5% per week which is just below the school target so we would like to say thank you for your support with this and see if we can be above the target this term. As both teachers are slightly competitive, we like to generate some healthy competition between the two classes by keeping a chart showing which class has the highest attendance each week! It would be great if we could achieve a few more 100% attendance weeks.

Important Dates

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| Crucial Crew | - 20 th January |
| SATs week | - w/c 8 th May |
| Kingswood weekend | - 9 – 11 th June |

