

## Junior newsletter -Spring Term 2019

**Dear Parents and carers,**

Welcome back everyone. All of the staff in school hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and we wish you and your family a very happy new year.

This newsletter is for you to have a brief overview of what is going to happen in Years 3-6 during the spring term. As the term progresses, look out for extra information on Mr Chandler's weekly newsletter.

### LITERACY

**READING AT HOME** - It is still of great benefit for older children to read with their parents or another willing adult. This helps expression and fluency. Also, asking questions about what your child has read helps them to further develop their comprehension skills. Please can we ask you to sign your child's reading record book if you have read with them? In addition, please can reading folders be returned to school each day.

We will continue to work on fiction, non-fiction and poetry in English lessons. Also, your child will work on grammar skills - identifying all the elements that go to make up our English language. Spellings skills will be worked on within school. However, we continue to ask for support at home with ensuring that your child learns their weekly spellings that will be sent home.

### NUMERACY

In the juniors there is an expectation that your child will learn their times tables and division facts with rapid recall. The children need to keep practising their times tables as they will be tested regularly in class. Any help you can give your child with their tables does make

a difference, so please support your child in their learning. The government now expects all children in Year 4 and above to know all their tables at speed. The current Year Four children will sit a pilot test this year. Next year, all children in the country will sit this national test.

### TOPIC

Years 5/6 will be learning all about The Tudors in spring term. They will also be looking at Forces as part of the science topic.

Years 3 and 4 are doing a topic based around the body and vital organs in spring 1. They will be looking at food types and how to keep the body healthy.

In spring 2, the topic will be the Vikings and the Anglo Saxons. They will look at settlements and artefacts found around these sites that were used in this period.

### FRENCH

Y3/Y4 'Les Animaux' and 'Au Marche'

Y5 'Cher Zoo' and ' Le Petit Dejeuner

Y6 ' Le Carnival Des Animaux' and 'Au Café'

### PE

We start the year with a swimming gala for Y5/6 (selected team) at Thirsk Swimming Pool. Following this, 3-4W and 3-4H will be swimming. 5BC will begin to swim in April. If your child is swimming, please may we remind you that they will need their swimming kit, a towel and a pair of goggles?

For all our other sports, we would like to remind you that children require a proper kit- **a white T-shirt and black shorts for PE** and in addition to these, **trainers** for games. **Tracksuits are allowed** for outdoor games lessons. Mr Chandler is monitoring PE kits across school this year. Children who consistently forget their kit will be reported to him.

Could we also ask that for health and safety reasons, earrings be left at home on PE and games days to prevent loss or injury? If your child has had their ears pierced recently please inform their class teacher as children are expected to remove earrings for PE and games. Long hair must be tied back.

### PSHEC

Y3/Y4 'Money matters' and 'Who likes chocolate?'

Y5 'Living long, living strong' and 'Daring to be different'.

Y6: 'Developing positive friendships' and 'Money matters'.

### HOMEWORK

Children will continue to bring a reading book home each night. In addition, they will be expected to learn their spellings and the current times table multiplication and division facts. Furthermore, additional homework will be given weekly and must be returned.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR THIS HALF TERM

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices at Sheffield

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - swimming gala Y5/6

Wednesdays during spring term- 3/4W and 3/4 H swimming up to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January: Y6 SATS meeting for information.

Either 3.30pm or 5.30pm in Mrs Turner's room.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January: **Y6 only** parents' evening.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Bike ability day 1 (Y6 who have not taken it)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Bike ability day 2 (as above )

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Music for Life

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Cross Country competition.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - school closes for half term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - school reopens

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World book day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Hi 5 competition

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Quick Sticks competition

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 5BC swimming

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - school closes for Easter at 2.30pm

Any additional dates of future events will be updated frequently on the weekly school newsletter - please keep a look out for these every Friday.

We hope this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to call in and see us if you need anything.

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