



Spring – Year 6 Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a great Christmas and a good break from school. We would both like to thank you for all of the lovely gifts that we received from you and the children. They are always unexpected but greatly appreciated. Hopefully the children are all refreshed and ready for a productive and hard-working term. We have lots planned and this term is always a busy one for Year 6.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is called 'Invaders and Settlers'. We will be learning about the Romans (and Anglo Saxons) and their influence and legacy on Britain and the wider world. We also hope to plan in some curriculum enrichment work and a visit if possible. More details to follow. As usual some subjects are taught through this topic whilst other subjects are taught discretely.

PE

PE days this term will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. If children do not bring in their kit they will be provided with spare kit that we have in school to use so that they do not miss out on this vital part of the curriculum. Please remember to label all PE kit, school tops, jumpers and trainers/shoes. As some of you will have already found out, Year 6 children can still lose things! This is also important for all uniform and coats. Please remember that trainers are only allowed for PE and should not be worn to school. Children also need a water bottle in school every day, particularly when it is PE.

End of Key Stage 2 assessments

The 'End of Key Stage 2 assessments' (SATS) take place **throughout the week of 13th May for the Year 6 children**. **Children must attend school throughout this week**. Should your child fall ill during this week, you must inform us as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child to take the test, usually by coming in for the test and then going home afterwards. Whilst these assessments are only one small part of your child's time at our school, it is extremely important that they achieve their full potential. These results are used by some secondary schools to set the children in Year 7 and are also used by many schools to set your child's GCSE flightpath and targets. All children are expected to always work hard in lessons regardless of their ability. Providing they do this, they will each have *personal* success; as a core school value, this is celebrated. This term we will be supporting your child to achieve to the best of their ability by running some booster sessions within school time. The children will be taught in smaller targeted groups so that they can be as well prepared as possible for the KS3 curriculum.

Homework will change slightly this term. Some work will be centred on our Maths and English booster sessions. Children are expected to keep track of this and take personal responsibility for making sure it is completed. These sessions take place on Mondays and Thursdays and work will often be set on these days to be handed in at the next session. Spellings or word and sentence work will be given out on **Wednesdays** to be handed in on the following Monday, as previously. Children will continue to be tested every week on their times tables and should continue to complete their independent reading and reading journal activities.

If homework is not handed in on time then children will need to complete this at lunchtime.

We are looking forward to a term full of activity, learning and great progress. As always, if you have any questions please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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