



Spring 2023

Welcome to Year 6's Newsletter!

Welcome back, after what we hope has been a wonderful Christmas break for all of our families. May we take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Bayley to the Year 6 team. Mrs Bayley brings with her a wealth of knowledge and we are very lucky to have her with us. Thank you to all of you who attended Mrs Baker's Sats workshop. We hope that it was useful to you and she is happy to answer questions you may still have. The books ordered by the children prior to the deadline have now been distributed.

ENGLISH

We are currently finishing our recount relating to Emma Carroll's 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and linking this to last term's whole class reading book: Friend or Foe. The children shall be retelling the events from the point of view of the main character David and his experiences of being evacuated to Devon. Upon the completion of this, we shall be turning our attention to magical story with Philip Pullman's Firework Maker's Daughter as our stimulus. When looking at non-fiction texts, we shall be producing a newspaper report based on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

In Spring 2, we shall be writing a love story based on the Disney short film: 'Paperman' where the children will be able to draw on emotive writing techniques to convey feelings. They will then be looking at 'Blogging' and how to create an effective, eye-catching piece of work.

READING

During these lessons, your child will be involved in individual, paired and group reading along with many drama and comprehension activities.

This term we will be focusing heavily on reading a range of comprehension texts - daily - with questions linked to the curriculum content domains. In Year 6 our focus book will be, The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird.

After the half-term break, we will be looking at the non-fiction text of Everest. The remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay will take the children on a journey that is the closest you will get to the moon by walking and it will develop

Please encourage your child to login to Times Table Rockstars each week where they can play games to support them with their Times Tables.

SPELLING

New spelling pattern will be introduced weekly and activities around this set daily in class to consolidate their understanding. We shall be sending these spellings home to allow them to practice. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday.

Please encourage your child to login to Spelling Shed each week where they can play games to help them learn their spellings.

SATS Preparation

To support the children as much as possible in the lead up to their Sats, we have decided to run booster sessions during the afternoons. The children may be moving between teachers between the sessions to maximise their progress. Morning lessons will not be affected by this change. The subjects the children do not cover during this time will be taught post-Sats. If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Baker or Mrs Bayley.

MUSIC:

The children will be continuing to compose music using a variety of instruments. Music lessons are provided by a specialist provider.

ICT:

In our ICT lessons, the children will be focusing on blogging this half term. They will be creating their own blogs on our safe platform. We look forward to sharing the final outcomes with you.

PE DAYS

Year 6 will be developing their dance skills to put together routines. PE days for each class are as follows:

REMINDER

- **Friday 17th February – Children break up for half-term.**
- Children should wear the correct school uniform and black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery, except a watch and stud earrings. Religious jewellery is also permitted but must be removed for PE for health and safety reasons.
- If you wish for your Year 6 child to walk home alone, please provide written confirmation to the school off.

Thank you as always for your continued support from the Year 6 team.

Mrs Baker: Year 6 Class Teacher
Mrs Bayley – Assistant Head Teacher and Year 6 Class Teacher
Mrs Day – Year 6 PPA Cover

those key skills for decoding non-fiction texts.

Please encourage your child to login to Bug Club and Go Read each week where they have personalised allocations to support their reading fluency and skills.

MATHS

Year 6 will continue to focus on their arithmetic skills over the coming term. Additionally, they will be completing a range of topics such as: ratio and proportion, algebra, decimals (including adding, subtracting, multiplication and division of decimals) before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages and their equivalents.

• 6ZB - Wednesday

The children will need to come into school in the correct PE kit. This consists of a plain white top, plain black jogging bottoms or leggings and black trainers. A plain black sports jacket or jumper can be worn during colder weather.