

Year 6 Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome back to term 5, we hope you have had a lovely break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning and we will also be sitting our SATs tests from 13th – 16th May. It is very important that the children are in school that week. We will be offering free breakfast club from 8am during the Monday – Thursday of SATs week.

Spelling and Reading

This term we will continue to have our spelling test on a Thursday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills specifically finding evidence from a text to back up a point. Our class novel for the term is Letters from the Lighthouse, which links to our World War II topic.



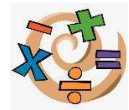
Writing

In English this term we will be writing a new chapter from our class book from last term, The Boy in the Tower. We will also be writing a newspaper report on Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass to a company our World War II topic.



Maths

In maths we will be looking at shape: measuring and classifying angles, angles in triangles, missing angles and circles. We will also be looking at position and direction: plotting, reflecting and translating shapes in the four quadrants. We will also be revising our arithmetic skills ready for our SATs tests. Top Marks is a great online platform, which enables pupils to play Mathematical games to build their knowledge and it's free! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>



Science

Our science topic this term is reproduction. We will look at the different types of reproduction in plants, different animals and growth stages of humans.



Art & Design

In art we will be learning about Impressionism and Postimpressionism: Monet, Degas, Renoir, Cezanne, Van Gough and Gauguin.



Geography/History

In history we will be learning World War II. We will look at the causes of the war, the battle of Britain, Bletchley Park (which we will visit), the Holocaust and the Home Front. We will have a special visitor during this topic who was in year 6 during the middle of the war years.

In geography we will be studying South America. We will learn about: the countries of South America, its civilisations and empires, The Andes Mountains and the Atacama Desert, Brazil (Agriculture and Industry) and the Amazon Rainforest.

Music

In music we will be starting to learn the songs for our end of year production.



PE

In PE this term we will be doing outdoor athletics (on Fridays) and tennis (on Mondays)



PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at relationships: Mental health, love and loss, power and control,



Being online: Real or fake, safe or unsafe? And responsible use of technologies.

RE

In RE we will be learning Islam – Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for upper key stage 2 is a white shirt and school tie with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. We will mark homework in class as we will be looking at different areas for SATs revision each week in the revision booklets provided by school. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

Homework Project

Next term we will begin to learn about World War II. Children could make a model of an air raid shelter or a military vehicle. They could paint a Blitz scene or research an area of World War II such as rationing, evacuation or the Home Front.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Morgan

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that upper Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!



Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - KS2 SATs Week

W/B 20th May – Parents' Open Sessions (Foundation Subjects) – days and timings tbc

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May – Sports Week

Monday 20th May – Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park, the home of the codebreakers.

Thursday 23rd May – Mintridge Visit – Nekoda Davis

Friday 24th May – School closes to pupils for half Term

Tuesday 4th June – Term 6 begins