

Happy New Year

Spring Term Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you all had a pleasant Christmas, and may take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. As we look ahead into 2018, I know how important these last four terms are for your child. I am pleased with how the children started Year 6 and I am keen to ensure that we start the New Year positively and look to make progress in all areas of the curriculum this term.

Below are some key points to remember for particular subjects and you can find a topic web outlining the curriculum areas on the school website.

English – encourage your child to read every day, including a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, because this will support and reinforce their learning and it is useful if you can then talk about what they have read together. The children still have one guided reading session a week. Spellings will still be given out and tested every Tuesday. Also, to support their writing assessment, the children will keep learning their target spellings (the 100 Y5/6 words) so please keep learning these with your child.

Maths – Children need to keep learning all multiplication facts and corresponding division facts in all the times tables from 1-12. Maths homework will still be given out on a Friday but this will not be weekly.

P.E. – The children will have P.E. on a Monday and on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school with them all week.

‘My Choice’ work – this will continue to be given out bi-weekly on a Friday and the children will have one week to complete it.

In addition to this, I wanted to provide some information which you will find useful regarding the Year 6 SATs which commence on Monday 14th May 2018.

Test formats

The link below is a short video which explains the format of the different tests:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=532MUvA81tM>

Dates

Monday 14th May – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Papers 1 & 2

Tuesday 15th May – Reading

Wednesday 16th May – Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Wednesday 16th May – Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 17th May – Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

I will be helping the children to prepare for the SATs in school. Through their weekly work I will ensure that all necessary aspects of the curriculum are covered with the children. Also, we will look at past-papers and identify gaps in their understanding and discuss common mistakes.

Resources

If you wish to support your child at home, then I can recommend the CGP books: www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Parent. When purchasing resources, please ensure that any text indicates it is in line with the 2014-2016 and/or 'New' curriculum.

Testing at home

The *SAT Busters* books, which are available through www.cgpbooks.co.uk, are a useful way, if you wish, to test your child at home. Also, there are lots of past papers available on the internet - www.sats-papers.co.uk/sats-papers-ks2. Although we have completed some of these already, you may feel it beneficial to read through some so that you understand the requirements. Please can I ask that you avoid completing any papers from 2016 & 2017 with your child.

I hope that you find this information useful. If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Mr. A. Wallace