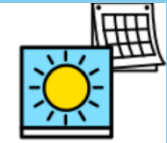




Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter – First Half

Upcoming Events



- Monday 19th January** – SATs Information Evening for parents 6pm – 7pm
- Thursday 22nd January** – Young Voices Choir perform at the O2.
- Monday 26th January** – Class Photos
- Tuesday 27th January** - Squash workshop during PE
- Wednesday 4th February** – NSPCC to visit
- Thursday 5th February** – PTA Disco
- Tuesday 10th February** - Internet Safety Day
- Wed 18th – Fri 20th** – Bikeability Course (*during half term*)

This term, the children will be bringing SATS revision guides home for English and maths.
Please look out for these and use them to support your child with their home-learning and any extra practice they may wish to do.

P.S.H.E.



The children will learn more about peer pressure and explore strategies to deal with situations they might find themselves in.

English



Our topic this term is *Shakespeare*. As well as learning about the great bard himself, we focus on the play Macbeth.



The children will enjoy learning about the mysterious witches and performing one of their spells. They write a character description of these enigmatic figures. They will then explore the characters Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, writing from both of their perspectives in the form of a letter and a diary. Developing a voice in their writing is a key focus this term alongside writing in the appropriate register. You will notice that the first spelling words this term are formal equivalents. The children will use this vocabulary in their written work too.

Home Learning



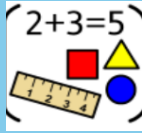
	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	Essential homework which should be completed as a minimum of three times a week.	Monday	Monday
Spellings	Essential homework where children will learn their spellings each week for a weekly test.	Monday	Monday
Times Tables	Essential homework where children will learn their times tables and complete on Times Tables Rockstars.	Monday	Monday
Maths and English Homework	Extension homework alternating each week between maths and English. Maths will be on 'My Maths' learning platform. English homework will be stuck in to the children's exercise books. Maths will be given feedback through 'My Maths' website.	Monday	Monday
Project Homework	Extension homework which includes one task to be completed as a minimum - the tasks may include maths, English or another subject. Children will have half a term to complete this homework.	Monday	Monday

P.E.



- Basketball** - The children will develop their individual and team skills in basketball.
- Dance** – They will discover and learn about a range of dance genres.
- Squash** – The children will be taking part in a special squash workshop.

Maths



The children will make links between fractions, decimals and percentages and will also be looking at calculating the area, perimeter and volume of shapes.

There is a continual focus on reasoning and applying their mathematical knowledge to solve problems.

Science



Our new topic is 'Making New Substances.'

The main area of learning is around reversible and irreversible changes. This is a very practical unit of work where lots of experiments take place!

Geography



In geography, we are studying rivers. In this unit, the children will find out more about why rivers are so important to the towns and villages that have developed on their banks. By looking at the features of rivers, and the natural and human ways that rivers change over time, children will explore the life stories of rivers. Children will learn the names and locations of the major rivers of the UK and the world.

Religious Education



The children will explore the concept of power and how different religions view God.

Art & Design



The children will be researching the work of artist Mike Bernard and identifying key techniques he uses. At the end of the unit, they will complete a mixed media piece using collage and two-colour paint techniques.

Computing



Our topic is digital literacy world. Pupils will develop their word processing and web research skills.

Music



Pupil learn to read music to play the glockenspiel.

Design



Technology

In Design and Technology, the children will be cooking mini-Cornish pasties. They will apply a lot of their cooking skills and will also learn about seasonality of vegetables too.

French



Our topic is healthy living. The children will learn the names of different body parts. They will be able to say that they have hurt or injured themselves at the doctor's surgery.