

Year 6 Spring Newsletter

I hope you have all had a good break and that your children have re-charged their batteries ready for 2018.

Year 6 had a lovely end to the autumn term with their visit to the Houses of Parliament and Northampton Theatre. We also, teaming up with year 5, won the Christmas Tree Festival. This is the third year running that years 5 and 6 have won. Well done year 6 for your pine-cone tree in 2016 and your wrapping-paper tree in 2017!

Homework will be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on a Tuesday. Spellings will continue to be tested on a Thursday.

Completion of homework is essential for year 6. The homework that we set is designed to secure understanding of the topics covered in lessons. We will continue with a focus on Punctuation and Grammar, and Maths.

To help prepare the children for the new-style reading tests, which are more challenging than previous years, we will continue to send home a class reading book. Please remind your children to record their reading in their reading record book. We will also continue to send home a weekly 10-minute comprehension.

May is fast approaching, so we will continue to prepare the children for their S.A.T.s. Later in the term we will hold an information session for parents where you can try out some of the papers.

This term, our class topic will be based around the theme of The English Civil War. Through a thematic approach the children will make links between many of their subjects, incorporating work through literacy, science, ICT, history, geography, art, drama, design and technology, music and some aspects of numeracy.

Throughout the term we will be exploring:

- The chronology of kings and queens
- What makes a king or queen a successful monarch
- Parliament's disapproval of Charles I
- The English Civil War
- The Battle of Naseby
- Life in Oliver Cromwell's England
- The Restoration

Feel free to share any artefacts, books or other memorabilia related to our topic. It really enriches the children's experience.

Year 6 P.E. days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that PE kits are in school at all times. There is enough room in the cloakroom for P.E. kits to stay in school.

The Spelling Bee this term will focus on the suggested list from the government (our Gold list). Please continue to support your children with this list of words, as we know that the SATs spelling test will be words that follow these rules.

At the end of the autumn term, the children sat the 2016 S.A.T.s paper. The children have been working very hard which has led to some pleasing results. We will continue regular S.A.T.s practise and share with you how your child is progressing towards the new standards expected at the end of year 6.

Each child's results have been analysed to identify the areas that they need to work on over this year. This is informing our day-to-day teaching and small-group/ individual support.

If you would like a detailed breakdown of the areas your child needs to work on, so that you can support them at home, then please let me know.

Kind regards,