

Year 6 Spring 2 Newsletter

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

Year 6 sat a mock SATs before the break. Papers have been sent home and I would recommend spending some time looking through these with your children. This is important so that they can show you their successes and ask for your advice and help in areas that are more challenging for them

It hasn't all been English and maths. In addition to topic lessons, music and French, we had a visit from the group 'God and the Big Bang' and a visit from a Hindu teacher.

Both these visits gave the children an experience of the wide range of beliefs and religions in the UK.

This term, we will host Mr Singh who will talk to the children about his beliefs as a Sikh. We will also take part in World Book Day activities and learn alongside some visiting scientist as a part of our Science Week.

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

May is fast approaching, so we will continue to prepare the children for their S.A.T.s. In the coming weeks, we will hold an information session for parents where you can try out some of the SATs questions.

Our topic 'Where in the World' continues this term. During this topic we will be learning about continents, countries and major cities. We will look at how lines of longitude and latitude help us to locate places and study the different climate zones.

During this topic we will study the location of natural resources across the planet and how trading relationships have been built up over time. There will be a particular focus on the topic of Fair Trade.

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

The Spelling Bee this term will focus on the suggested list from the government (our Gold list). Weekly spellings will focus on spelling rules and some common spellings tested in S.A.T.s. Please continue to support your children with this list of words, as we know that the spelling test will be words that follow these rules.

This term, we are looking forward to our museum trip. The Ashmolean Museum has a large collection of Egyptian artefacts which we will study. This visit was originally planned for the Egyptians topic, but was postponed due to maintenance work at the museum.

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. This term, we will be sending home practice papers for the children to work through. These are not intended as tests. They have the biggest impact when worked through with a partner – with the children talking through how they came to an answer.

As always, if you have any questions or matters you wish to discuss, please arrange a time to meet and chat.

Kind regards,

Mr Armstrong