

# Year 6 Spring Term

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a very enjoyable break. We have really enjoyed seeing the children again and they have come back refreshed and with lots of enthusiasm! Maryann, Alicia and myself are looking forward to the term ahead.

## Key dates

P.E (Tues) and Dance (Weds) will take place every week. Please ensure the children have a green tee shirt to change into on these days.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Trip to ClipnClimb (Wandsworth).

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Into University Week.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Trip to the Unicorn Theatre (London Bridge) to watch Pig Heart Boy.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Spring Fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Term

I will provide you with more information about these events, and of any new events which go in the diary, nearer the time. Please keep reading Andrew's newsletters and the weekly class newsletters for up to date information.

## Literacy

In English, this term we will be focussing on the text 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman; the first 4 weeks of our writing will be in response to this. We will also be looking at persuasive writing, discussions, information reports and poetry.

As we build up to the SATS, which take place in May, we will be increasing the focus on grammar and spelling. I will put some key spellings, which follow specific themes, rules or patterns, in the class weekly newsletter each week. As well as the homework, please encourage the children to practice these spellings.

## Maths

The children will continue to take part in daily maths lessons which will follow the 'Calculate, Apply, Think' model. The key topics this half term are ratio, algebra, fractions, decimals, percentages, area, perimeter, volume and statistics. As well as these topics, the children will have an additional arithmetic lesson each week. This lesson will focus on their calculation skills as one of the maths SATs tests is pure arithmetic. Rebecca (our maths tutor) is working closely with Year 6 on a Tuesday to help them with any gaps they may have.

## Reading

Our daily reading lessons will continue as normal this half term, with a focus on the key comprehension skills of vocabulary, retrieval, inference and summarising. We will have plenty of time to read for pleasure as well – our library has been restocked with wonderful new books so there are plenty of choices! If your child has a book at home which they are enjoying, they are welcome to bring it in each day to read in school.

## History and Geography

Our topic for this term is 'We Are All Born Free', which will explore global issues such as human rights, migration and global trade.

## Wider curriculum

- Science: Living Things/Evolution and Inheritance, focussing on systems of classifications and key scientists.
- R.E: Christian values and the end of life
- Computing: Coding
- Art: Drawing, Collage and Textiles
- D.T: Making burgers

## Homework

Homework will be set each Friday. There will be one English task, one IXL Maths task (or worksheet) and one SATS revision task. Next week, children will be provided with the Maths SATS revision books to help them prepare for their tests in May. I will provide instructions each week on Google Classroom about what specifically needs to be completed.

It is really important that the children start to prepare for life in secondary school. This means that they must complete all pieces of homework every week. If for any reason they are unable to do so, please let me know before the deadline.

## Finally....

This term is always a busy one in Year 6 as the children start to put all the things they have learned over their time in KS2 into practice and start to prepare for the SATS. **The SATS take place in the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.** We will provide you with more information closer to the time but please ensure any appointments are scheduled around these dates.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing, come and see me at the end of the day. I am always available to chat once I have dismissed the children safely. If you cannot chat at the end of the day, please contact me via email: [connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk).

Thank you!

Connor, Alicia and Maryann.