

# YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



April 2018



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you have had a great Easter break. This letter is to provide you with some useful information about the summer term and the topics that we will be covering.

**PE** PE will take place on a **Monday** afternoon; *preferably PE kits need to remain in school* and will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed (as on some weeks the day may change or we may have extra sessions). Long hair will need to be tied up. Ideally earrings need to be taken out although if parents provide children with plasters they can apply themselves to wear over them, they can remain in.

**Reading** Reading is an integral part of your child's education and support from home will be very much appreciated. If you could please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it in their diaries; this will then assist with your child's progress. You can also use the diary for you to write any additional information we may need to know during the week.

**Homework** For the first half term, each week I am going to be sending home one SATs paper for homework - with the answers. This is for you to complete with your child and, as with the Easter homework, does not necessarily need to be returned (unless support is needed with specific questions). The children will also complete/begin a SATs paper in revision club on a Monday which will be sent home - with the answers - to be completed.

If you would like more practise papers, please send a note in the children's reading diary and I will send home extra, when requested. If there is a specific area you feel your child would benefit from extra practise, please let me know as well.

For the following half term, there will be project-based homework as done in the beginning of the autumn term.

**Times tables** Any assistance you can provide at home to help the children to remember their times tables will make a big difference to their attainment at school which will support them in our preparation for the SATs in May.

**SATs week** SATs week this year is the week commencing **14th May 2018**. We will be running a breakfast club for all Year 6s for SATs week where we make sure the children have something to eat and do a bit of fun exercise to get them moving. The time- table for the week will look like this:

**Monday**—Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (45 minutes + spelling test);

**Tuesday**—Reading (1 hour);

**Wednesday**—Arithmetic (30 minutes) and Reasoning (40 minutes);

**Thursday**—Reasoning (40 minutes).

Please do make an appointment with me if you have any questions about SATs week.

**Stanley Head Residential Trip** In the first week back after half term, some of us will be going to Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre. There will be a meeting scheduled to discuss the trip and answer any questions that you may have about it. At this meeting, I will give out the Kit List and Medical Forms that will need to be completed.

**Curriculum coverage**

**Maths** – SATs Preparations; Calculator skills;

**Literacy** – A range of genres and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) activities that link with our class text this term—Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver. We will also be focussing on 'Assessment skills' to prepare the children for their SATs.

**Computing** - E-safety; using different software to create videos; Coding.

**Science / Topic** – Evolution and Inheritance; Living things and their habitats/ Stone age to Iron Age.

**PE** – Invasion Games/ Athletics

It is very important to me that your child is happy during their time in Year 6 and that there are strong links with parents. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to speak to me or arrange an appointment with the school office.

Many Thanks,

Miss K Cooper, Mrs C Scragg and Mr J Cooke.