

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas; thank you once again for your very generous and thoughtful gifts and messages. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Autumn term

It was great to get to know your children in Autumn term; it was a busy but fun few weeks. Some particular highlights included our brilliant war silhouette artwork and self-portraits, Christmas card stitching, WW2 assembly and visit to Tatton Park, Greenacres farm, *Star of Fear*, *Star of Hope* and *Can we save the tiger?* writing, making periscopes, Welsh cakes, Christmas lanterns, Amazing People Day, Big Maths at Helsby High, science experiments with light and electricity, the Christmas carol service, Christmas lunch and party. It has been lovely to see the class work so well with their little buddies; these relationships are

very special.

Curriculum

During this term, our geography focus is about Frodsham and the local area, including map and field work. Please find the attached topic web to see more detail about what else your child will be learning.

PE

Year 6's PE sessions are still Monday afternoons with Mrs Williams. Please ensure that your child keeps their kit in school and that all their clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

Homework

Well done to the children who have already achieved some Year 6 Times Tables Rockstars certificates. Please keep encouraging your child to work on times tables at home, because they really do make maths so much easier once they are learnt. Spelling tests will continue to be on Fridays, so any help you could provide your child with would be really useful I'm sure, along with the regular use of Spelling Shed on iPads, tablets or computers at home. English and Maths homework is still set on Fridays, due in the following Wednesday unless stated otherwise. In case of lost/dog eaten homework, I always try to upload the tasks to our class webpage when it is set. Here, you can also find a wealth of SATs revision material and other useful learning resources.

Please continue to encourage your child to read anything and everything at home and record it in their red reading diary, so that Mrs Gardiner can keep checking them; children may change their books whenever they are ready.

Some dates for the diary

- SATS

The children will have the opportunity to show off all their hard work and learning from primary school during the week of 13th - 16th May. **I will hold a short, informal meeting to share some more information about this in the Year 6 classroom from 5-5:30pm on Monday 29th January.**



- Conway Centre

I am very much looking forward to Year 6's residential at the Conway Centre from 20th – 24th May. Hopefully you saw my previous letter, sharing some information about the activities and what to bring, as well as





details of cost and what's included; please continue to make regular payments now through Parent Pay. If you have any concerns with regard to paying for this trip then please see me or Mrs Kirby or speak to the school office.

•Helsby High School Induction Days

8th and 9th July

•End of year production and service

Play - 17th and 18th July 6pm (TBC), Service – 23rd July 9:15am (TBC).

• Other dates:

World Book Day is on the 7th March, a CD music project and parents' evenings (different events!) are on the 13th and 14th March, Sports Day is the 28th June (reserve 3rd July).



Concerns

Many thanks once again for your support. Together with the other members of staff, I look forward to continuing to work with your children this year and helping them to maximise their potential whilst enjoying their learning experiences. If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to come and speak to me before or after school or make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Coates

