

Year 6 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a lovely festive period and had enjoyed some quality family time. I would like to thank everyone for their support during the Autumn Term and for all your lovely Christmas cards and gifts. The children have had a great start to the new year engaging in lots of hands on DT and Science projects during STEAM week!

There is another busy term ahead for the children with lots of exciting opportunities planned and plenty of work to be done! Below are some of the topics we will be looking at across the curriculum areas. We will be holding a SATs meeting on **Wednesday 31st January at 5pm**, to share important information about the week with you and discuss what we will be doing to best prepare the children over the next term. You will receive further details about this shortly.

Although we will be spending time preparing children for the SATs, there is much more to our curriculum this term. The children have had a great start to the new year engaging in lots of hands on DT and Science projects during STEAM week and enjoyed our recent trip to the Museum of Science and Industry! PGL is also fast approaching!

Maths: Last term we focused largely on number work in maths and will continue to practise these skills on a weekly basis. This term we will be looking at percentages, ratio, algebra, graph reading and data handling skills and building the children's capacity to apply their number knowledge to problem questions.

English: We will be starting our World War 2 topic by writing a biography of Alan Turing, ensuring the children include the correct structural and language features of biographical writing. We will then be looking at evacuees using some core texts including: Letters from a Lighthouse and My secret war diary. The children will be writing a story with a flashback linked to World War 2. All literacy work will continue to develop basic writing skills of handwriting, spelling and grammatical understanding, which are essential components of the end of year expectations. This unit will also allow us to investigate stylistic devices such as imagery and description.

Science: Our science topics are light and plants/animals.

Our topics: The overarching theme for the Spring Term is World War 2 in Stockport. We will be looking at the impact of the war on our local area.

How to Support your child at home:

Reading

It is extremely important that you continue to read as often as possible with your child. When reading with your children it is also important to talk about the text with the children to support their comprehension skills and about the punctuation, as this will support your child's understanding of punctuation in their own writing. The children must have their diaries and books in school each day. This will enable adults in school to hear children read regularly, as well as give me the opportunity to see what they are reading.

Spelling

Spellings will continue to be set linked to taught spelling strategies and further practice will be set via spelling shed.

Home Learning

Home learning activities will continue to be set on google classroom on a Thursday and should be returned on a Tuesday. Please encourage your child to ask for help before Tuesday if they are struggling. Home learning activities will always build on what the children have been doing in lessons and will cover maths, grammar and reading. We have purchased an online subscription to 'SATs Bootcamp' <https://www.yearsix.co.uk/sats-boot-camp/>. The children's logins for this have been placed in their reading diaries. The children will be able to practice SATs style questions for maths, reading and grammar as part of their homework. Study guides will also be sent home over the next few weeks to further support revision.

Multiplication Tables

Your child must be practising their times tables regularly; including the inverse e.g. the division facts $48 \div 8 = 6$. This will support your child in becoming more confident when working with number in mathematics. Each child also has a login for Mathletics and times tables rockstars which they should use regularly to reinforce key skills and build speed and confidence.

Key Information

Important Dates

- ⌚ SATs meeting Y2 & Y6 5pm 31.1.24
- ⌚ Half Term 12.24-16.2.24
- ⌚ Parent Teacher Consultations 20.2.24 and 21.2.24
- ⌚ World Book Day 7.3.24
- ⌚ PGL WB 4.3.24
- ⌚ Easter Holidays WB 1.4.24

Reminders

Outdoor PE will continue on a Thursday morning. Your child needs warm outdoor clothing and suitable trainers to access sport throughout the year in a variety of weathers.

Indoor P.E. is on a Monday afternoon. Your child needs suitable black shorts and white T-shirts. Clothing should not be too loose, to help prevent accidents.

No jewellery, including stud earrings will be allowed during P.E. lessons. If ears are newly pierced they may be covered with plasters or tape.

Please encourage your child to take responsibility to pack the correct kit for each P.E. session.



Any issues?

Please contact Mrs Taylor, Mrs Ali or Miss Nugent either through your child's diary, catching us at the beginning or end of the day or by making contact through the school office.

The children thoroughly enjoyed STEAM week and learnt lots of new skills! (photographs above)

Here is a photograph from our recent trip to the Museum of Science and Industry!

Class Texts:

