

Information for Year 6 Parents **Newsletter 2020**

Spring Term

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 6, we hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Here is the Spring term newsletter; it includes details about the work we shall be doing in class, important dates and other helpful information.

Important Dates:

Monday 3rd February - Visit from the English Pocket Opera Company

Thursday 6th February - Year 6 Cake sale

Monday 17th - 21st February - Half term

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Monday 30th March - 4 - 6pm Year 6 Parents' evening

Tuesday 31st March - 5 - 7pm Year 6 Parents' evening

Thursday 26th March - Year 6 Cake sale

Wednesday 1st April - East Barnet Sports festival

Thursday 26nd April - Year 6 Cake sale

Friday 3rd April - Last day of term

Numeracy

This term in Numeracy we will be cover a range of topics including BODMAS, area and perimeter, measurement, angles, time, volume and capacity, statistics, ratio and proportion, shape, algebra and coordinates.

Literacy

For the majority of this term our text type will be narratives, beginning with character and setting descriptions and moving on to short stories. In the latter part of the term we will look at non-fictional genres such as instructional writing and explanation texts.

Integrated Studies

The children will complete their Children in Conflict Inquiry Unit. Following that they will begin a new inquiry unit: Climate Change and Sustainability -How and Why? Through this unit the children will explore local geography and changes that have happened over time, learn about the impact of human activity on the climate and the environment and learn about upcycling and ways to live sustainably.

SATS Preparation

Over the spring term children will do a selection of past SATS papers in order to get used to the type of questions they will come across when they sit the tests. When they have completed the tests and they've been marked, the papers will be sent home so you will be able to follow their progress and support your child where necessary. Please do not complete SATS papers with your child at home as this will not help their progress or allow us to identify gaps in their learning.

Reading

As a school we hope to promote reading this term. In Year 6 we are doing this by:

- Re-creating our Book Flix displays.
- Filming our 'Reading Rocks' Book Reviews with Litfilmfest- watch this space for the edited version of the videos.
- Being reading buddies for children in Year 2 and 3.
- Book swaps
- Writing regular book reviews to share and for school newsletter.

We are also hoping to build our class book libraries. We will be soon sharing an Amazon Wish list of the books the children would like for their class library. If parents or other family members would like to gift a book for the class/year group to share they may do so.

Homework: (in accordance with government legislation)

Daily reading practice of approximately 30 minutes is the year group target. **We strongly recommend that parents regularly spend time listening to their children read at home and allow some discussion time to help them develop their ideas, vocabulary and understanding.** Children can choose from a range of texts, but a variety of choice is recommended ie. magazines, story books, poems, encyclopedias, diaries, letters, newspapers etc. Please encourage your child to discuss their choice of text with you, encourage them to answer questions, think about the text (its main features and content) as well as its meaning. Homework books will be used for the presentation and recording of homework. Homework will go out each **Friday** and we would like the homework book to be returned each **Tuesday** with the completed tasks. It is important that children who find their homework too difficult let their teachers know as soon as possible. We can then go through it with them and hopefully clear up any misunderstandings so that it can then be completed on time. There is a homework club on Tuesday lunchtime for those who find it difficult to complete their work at home. The children who go to homework club have a deadline to complete their work by the end of Tuesday lunchtime. We hope that you find these books helpful. Please write a feedback comment on the homework, as your child and the class teacher will also comment each week.

Homework consists of: Literacy or Topic work (usually literacy based linked to our Integrated Studies Unit), Reading, Spellings (these are from the SATS list) and Numeracy. We shall also ask for the children to continue learning their times tables - sometimes the homework set is 'playing a game', (we find that the children learn well when they are also enjoying themselves!).

Please note that homework will also be on the school website Year 6 Page each week. The web address is <http://www.danegroveschool.co.uk/>

HOMEWORK CLUB - Will still take place twice a week: Tuesday lunchtime (12.15-1.00pm) AND Wednesday lunchtime (12.15-1.00pm) in the ICT suite.

General information:

Please ensure children come to school wearing the correctly **named** school uniform, which includes black school shoes. Trainers are not allowed, except for outdoor P.E. If your child comes to school wearing trainers they will be asked to 'borrow' a pair of plimsolls from Mrs Metcalf for the day.

Please ensure your child is in school by 8.55am. If your child is late, they need to sign the register at the office with Mrs Moretti. If your child is going to be absent, please phone the office or write a letter, especially if your child walks to school alone.

The school number is **0208 449 4024** (the telephone is answered from 8.30am onwards).

The correct **P.E. kit** should be in school every day and will be sent home with the children at the end of each half term to be 'freshened up!' Please remember that we do not allow any named label brands to be worn at school, the kit should be a plain white/blue t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsoles or trainers (outdoor P.E. only). Please note, that anyone who has forgotten their kit can borrow the school's spare P.E. kit which is kept outside Mrs Metcalf's office. Although we have timetabled days for P.E., there are occasions where a coach comes in or it rains on the scheduled day, so we often try to fit the P.E lesson in at another time, therefore kits being kept in school for the whole term is beneficial to the children.

Our P.E days are:

6CG Wednesdays and Thursdays

6JF Mondays and Thursdays

6ML Mondays and Thursdays

Mr Davis' & Mr Huseyin's Surgery is held each Friday at Windsor Drive from 9.00am to 10am, for any general worries or concerns. Many thanks for reading this term's newsletter, we hope to have a fantastic term, where the children will be working very hard. Please remember, if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to Mrs Gallantine, Mr Forrest or Mr Langley, however, please note that after school is always preferable as our mornings are used to prepare for the day's activities.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 6 Team