

# Year 6 Term 5 Newsletter

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 5! Where has the time gone? We hope you had a lovely Easter break filled with chocolate and family time. Hopefully, you are rested and ready for the penultimate term of Year 6.

## English

In English, we will continue to revisit previous aspects of SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) which has been taught throughout the year. Once a week, we will have a specific SPAG focus lesson which will be included in the final piece of writing at the end of the week. This term, our writing will be based around 'the Light Jar' And 'The Boy at the Back of the Class.' Please keep practising the Key Stage Two spellings or play on Spelling Shed to help with the retention of spellings. If there is an area of punctuation or grammar you would like to revisit, then please speak to your teacher.

## Maths

In Term 4, we will be concluding the last of our year 6 topics which include shape and position and direction. Within the shape topic, we will revisit and learn more about angles on a line and angles within different shapes. In addition to this, we will learn about translating and transforming shapes on the y and x axis in position and direction. Throughout our lessons, we will continue to revisit previous learning including the 4 operations, algebra, ratio and fractions, decimals and percentages. If there is anything you want to revisit, please let your teacher know so this can be planned for.

## Reading

You will be expected to read every day with a comment in your contact book about what you have read. We do ask parents to check and sign contact books daily in case there are any messages which have been communicated, as well as, looking at the reading progress of your child. Adults in school will also be checking the contact books daily for any messages from parents. This is a key tool in communication between home and school and we should have contact books in school **every day**.

In school, we will have guided reading sessions in class which will be based around VIPERS. We will also be practising different style of questions which can be found in the SATs to ensure you are confident with answering different style questions. In addition to this, you will have reading for pleasure time.

## Curriculum

In history, we will be learning about the Victorians. We will continue to learn about biomes. The children will be creating their own 'Biome in a bottle' piece of writing based on Rachel Ignotofsky's book 'The incredible ecosystems of planet Earth'.

## Curriculum continued...

In science, we will be learning about the Earth's movement in space and understanding plants. We will also be learning about our other foundation subjects including PE, computing, RE, PSHE, art, DT and music. To find out what we are learning about, please go to our new website!

## PE

This term we will have **outdoor PE** on **Monday** afternoons and **indoor PE** on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure on both days you come into school in your PE kit. Earrings cannot be worn during PE lessons, so it's advised to keep them at home.

## Reminders for parents:

- The school day finishes at 3:20. School start time will still be 8:45 with the gate closing at 8:50. Please ensure your child is not on site before 8.35.
- If you would like your child to walk home, please give permission on Arbor. If your child walks to school, they are allowed to bring their mobile to school, but it has to be handed to the office before they go into school.
- Homework will be set on a **Friday** and due back on **Wednesday**. A homework club will be offered on **Thursday/Friday** lunchtime every week. Please encourage your child to complete this to the best of their ability.
- Final Bowles payment is due **5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

## Transition

- If your child has appealed or changed from their initial secondary school placement and you have confirmation of the new school, please let their teacher know or email the office. It is vital we have the correct details to help with transition to the secondary school.
- We are aware many schools have planned transition events for the children and on occasion, we have schools visiting the school to meet with the children to make the transition seamless into secondary school.

## SATs Week

- **SATS Week- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May-** A letter will follow shortly regarding the arrangements around SATs week including breakfast for the children. The children have worked so hard over the past year and the years before that, we know they will make us so proud. To support your child, please ensure they are completing their homework, reading regularly, and revising what has been taught. Don't forget, you have log ins for Spelling Shed and TTRS. If you think your child would benefit from boosters in SPAG, maths or reading, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team on the gate, leave a message in the contact book or email the office. We appreciate your continued support. If you do have any questions about their learning or SATs week, please ask.

Mr Harrison, Mrs Jeffery, Miss Martin and Mrs Stephen