

Year 6 Spring Term



Happy New Year!

What a pleasure it has been to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas holidays! We hope you all had a restful break.

English

In English, we will be studying three brilliant texts this term: *Amazing Women*, *Shackleton's Journey* and *Holes* by Louis Sachar. This will give the children a range of opportunities to demonstrate how their writing skills are developing. During the unit on *Amazing Women*, the children will write a biography of an amazing woman of their choice. *Holes* is a fabulous text about a boy who is wrongfully sent to a juvenile detention centre in the middle of a desert for stealing a pair of trainers. *Shackleton's journey* is a non-fiction text, which is about the famous trans-Antarctica expedition that became a mission of endurance and survival. We are excited about sharing these books with the children, and we hope they love them too!

We continue to follow Accelerated Reader for levelled reading books, and we recommend that children read for 20 minutes a day.

Maths

This term is focused on decimals, percentages and geometry. The children will build on their knowledge of fractions and start to forge links between decimals and percentages as well. During the unit on geometry, we will cover the properties of shape. Alongside teaching new content, we will revisit and revise skills from the autumn term and from previous year groups.

Science

During the spring term, we will complete our unit on light, then move on to learning all about electricity. We have already learnt that light travels in straight lines and that we can use mirrors to reflect light in different directions. We will learn more about shadows and how we can alter them, then explore light phenomena, such as rainbows! In electricity, the children will learn how to make electrical circuits, investigating how changing components and voltage affects the output.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning all about Antarctica, virtually exploring this frozen wilderness. The children will learn about what it's like, how humans have impacted the continent and will do fieldwork by using data collected by the British Antarctic Survey.

History

In the second half of this term, our History focus will be crime and punishment through the ages. This is set to be an interesting unit, all the way from the Vikings to the 20th century.

PE

PE will be taught on a Tuesday and Thursday. The children should come to school dressed in their PE kit. A reminder of the PE kit is on our class page on the website.

SATs

The dates for this year's SATs examinations can be found down the left of this newsletter. Please note that the Monday is now a bank holiday for the coronation, so the SATs will begin on the Tuesday this year. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday, 26th January at 3:45 and repeated at 5:00. We will send out further information about this nearer the time.

Keep in touch

We update our class page regularly with learning, so have a look at what we've been up to! As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you have.

SATs dates

Monday 08.05.23

Tuesday 09.05.23

Spelling, Grammar
and Punctuation
papers 1 & 2

Wednesday 10.05.23

English reading

Thursday 11.05.23

Maths paper 1
(arithmetic)

Maths paper 2
(problem solving
and reasoning)

Friday 12.05.23

Maths paper 3
(problem solving
and reasoning)

**Please see the
Year 6 Class page
on the school
website for
additional
information
regarding SATs.**