

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 two brilliant texts this term: *Holes* by Louis Sachar and *Shackleton's Journey*. This will give the children a range of opportunities to demonstrate how their writing skills are developing. *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

Our next Science topic is Evolution and Inheritance, where the children will learn about plant and animal adaptation, evolution theory, natural selection, and genetic inheritance, as well as learning about the life and work of important scientists, such as Charles Darwin and Mary Anning.

History

Our next History topic is Century of Change where the children will learn about the local history of mines, mills and Sherwood Forest. They will be able to compare the past events in their local area with the present. This topic will hopefully allow the children to gain a greater understanding of their local history.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at global population distribution and thinking about why certain areas are more populated than others. We will explore the factors that influence birth and death rates, as well as push and pull factors that influence migration.

PE

PE will be taught on a Tuesday (gymnastics) and Wednesday (netball). 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. There will be a meeting for parents on Tuesday, 11th February 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 story on ClassDojo 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 12.05.25

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation papers 1 & 2

Tuesday 13.05.25

English reading

Wednesday 14.05.25

Maths paper 1
(arithmetic)

Maths paper 2
(problem solving and reasoning)

Thursday 15.05.25

Maths paper 3
(problem solving and reasoning)