

TERMLY NEWSLETTER - YEAR 6

SPRING 2022

Dear family,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Below, is some key information about the spring term in year 6.

TOPIC

Our topic this term is all about the amazing creatures and habitats on our planet. In geography, we will continue to study North America, looking specifically at volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains. In science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats by classifying a wide range of life forms, before moving on to learn about evolution and inheritance. This work will link into to our literacy writing where we will be discovering some incredible creatures from The Spiderwick Field Guide - developing our vocabulary, sentence structure and ability to write in a variety of styles. This work will culminate in the children producing their own version of the Spiderwick Field Guide by creating their own creatures and writing about them in depth.

MATHS

We are continuing to use our Maths No Problem scheme this year to teach and deepen mathematical understanding across the school. We will be learning about decimals, fractions, percentages and the links between all of these. We will also cover measurement, algebra and ratio, as well as recapping lots of our previous learning. Times Table Rockstars is still being set as homework; it is so important that children can quickly recall multiplication and division facts to aid them in various other areas of maths, in primary and secondary school.



READING

In school, children will again be exposed to a wide range of fiction and non fiction texts and will read daily in guided reading sessions, topic lessons and literacy lessons. In addition to this, children have regular opportunities to read silently and enjoy their books. The importance of reading can not be overstated and as we have said before, reading opens a world of wonder and stimulates the mind but has also been proven to: improve comprehension skills; reduce stress; improve knowledge of the world around us; expand vocabulary; improve one's punctuation use, memory, focus and concentration. Please support your child by reading with them and discussing their book regularly.

CGP SATS BOOKS

CGP SATS Books are still available at cost price (£15) from the school office. This is for 12 books covering maths, reading, grammar and spelling. Working through these books at home can help your child consolidate some of the key skills taught in school to prepare them for secondary school.

PE

PE lessons will now take place on Wednesday afternoons. It is essential that children come into school on Wednesday wearing a full PE kit (including well-fitting trainers). A list of P.E kit can be found on the school website and replacement kits can be ordered via the office. If your child is unable to take part in P.E for any reason, please contact the school office so they can let the class teacher know.

LUNCHTIMES

As we would like to use all of our outdoor space for play all year round, we would ask that children bring in a pair of named wellies/sturdy boots/trainers that can be kept at school for use at lunchtime. They will also need a waterproof coat or jacket as we are likely to be outside in all weathers!



HOMEWORK AND SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Homework this term will consist of reading, times table work and grammar work. Please see the separate homework letter for further details.

You can support your child's learning at home in a number of ways: reading and discussing their book with them; supporting them with any areas of the CGP books they are finding tricky; helping them to practise any times tables they are struggling with; and working with your child on any of the maths concepts or spellings from the sheets we are sending home this week.

SATS

SATs are due to take place this year. Please see the dates below:

Monday 9 May 2022 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 10 May 2022 - English Reading

Wednesday 11 May 2022 - Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday 12 May 2022 - Mathematics paper 3

We will arrange a meeting after half term for any questions you may have about these.

As always, thank you for your support. We have been delighted with the attitude and effort from year 6 children so far and are really looking forward to another successful term with them.

If you have any queries, please do speak to your class teacher.

Your sincerely,

Mr Fitch, Mr Scott, Mrs Waring and Mrs Bunyan



SCHOOL UNIFORM YR 1 - 6

- Only plain black shoes or smart black trainers are to be worn – no coloured trainers or boots except sensible plain boots in severe weather.
- Socks / tights must be grey, navy or white
- Light blue/white checked summer dresses or grey pinafore dress may be worn
- The school top is a sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple.
- Knitted St Cath's hats and baseball hats are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats
- Plain navy tank tops
- Navy jumpers or cardigans (with or without the school logo). NOT HOODIES.
- All coats should be plain black, grey or navy.
- A small, plain blue/black book bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry books and homework to and from school.
- A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school.

FOR PE

- White or navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy hoodie (with or without the school logo)

JEWELLERY

The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)

