

## Spring Term – Year 6 Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a great Christmas and a good break from school. We would both like to thank you for the lovely gifts that we received from you and the children. They are always unexpected but most appreciated. Hopefully the children are all refreshed and ready for a productive and hard-working term. We have lots planned, and this term is always a busy one for year sixes.

### Curriculum



Our topic this term is called 'An Italian Adventure'. We will be learning about Italy of course, but also about the Ancient Romans, their influence and legacy on Britain and the world. We have already had a visit by a Roman Soldier which was a great way to inspire the children and begin our topic. Thanks to FOFS we were able to do this without asking for contributions from parents. We hope the children enjoyed this and told you all about it when they came home.

### End of Key Stage 2 assessments

The 'End of Key Stage 2 assessments' (SATS) take place **throughout the week of 8<sup>th</sup> May. Children must attend school throughout this week.** Should your child fall ill during this week you must inform us as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child to take the test, usually by coming in for the test and then going home afterwards. Whilst these assessments are only one small part of your child's time at our school, it is extremely important that they achieve their full potential. These results are often used by secondary schools to set the children in Year 7 and are also used to set your child's GCSE targets! Children are expected to always work hard and join in with enthusiasm; if they do this then they will have personal success. This term we will be supporting your child to achieve to the best of their ability by running some booster sessions within school time so that the children can be taught in smaller targeted groups. Good attendance at school is vital for success, so please bear in mind that if your child is well enough to potter about at home then they are probably well enough to be in school. Similarly, if your child starts to feel better as the morning/day progresses, we are happy to have them back at school later in the day.



### Homework

Homework will change slightly this term for Year 6 children. Work will be centred around our Maths and English booster sessions. Children are expected to keep track of this and take a personal responsibility for making sure it is completed. Boosters take place on Mondays and Thursdays and work will probably be set on these days to be handed in at the next session. Spelling homework will continue as before. Spellings or word and sentence work will be given out on **Wednesdays** to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Children will continue to be tested every week on their times tables and should continue to complete their independent reading and reading journal activities.



*If homework is not handed in on time then children will miss a lunchtime.*

### PE

PE days this term will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. PE kit should be in school every day as times can change. Please remember to label all PE kit, school tops, jumpers and trainers/shoes. As some of you will have already found out, Year 6 children can still lose things! This is also important for all uniform and coats.



We are looking forward to a term full of activity, learning and great progress. As always, if you have any questions please get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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