



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 a visit to Chedworth Roman Villa planned, which should be a great way to reinforce our learning and inspire the children. We have also arranged a trip to Pizza Express during the school day for a pizza making session. This is something that they offer free of charge but we will be asking for a contribution for transport. Details regarding both to follow soon.

PE

PE days this term will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays or 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.

Homework

This is unchanged from last term, however as Year 6 children there may be additional work given from time to time. Children are expected to keep track of this and take a personal responsibility for making sure it is completed. Children should usually use homework books to complete work in, however we may be using a folder in addition to this for this term. Year 6 homework is set and handed in as detailed below:

Tuesday – MyMaths online homework or a piece of maths homework and a literacy/topic piece of homework is set to be completed by the following Monday. Times tables will also be tested every Monday – children should be learning division facts alongside times tables as well as multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10 at speed.

Friday - Spellings or word and sentence work will be given out on Friday to be handed in on the following Friday.

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

End of Key Stage 2 assessments

The 'End of Key Stage 2 assessments' take place throughout the week of **9th May**. Children **must** attend school throughout this week. Good attendance 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. Whilst these assessments are only one small part of your child's time at our school, it is important that they achieve their full potential. As long as they always work hard and join in with enthusiasm, 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.

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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