

Class 6 Newsletter - Spring Term



I hope you all had a great Christmas break and thank you for all the lovely thoughtful gifts.

This newsletter is to let you know about the things your child will be learning this term and how you can support them.

SAT update - the SATS will be the week beginning Monday 13th May .

There will be a parents meeting arranged to give you a little more information.

On Tuesday afternoons we will be continuing with our music lessons (Rock It) with Mrs Baugh where they will practice and develop their pieces ready for our exam.

Homework will continue to be given on a Friday and due in for the following Thursday and will now focus on comprehension in English, spellings and SATs based questions in numeracy. Home work will form the basis of some of the booster work we will begin on Thursday mornings.

The topic this term is the Frozen Kingdom. We will be using maps to locate regions of the world and graphs to compare and contrast different localities. We will complete a mini project on the Titanic considering the reasons why people were aboard, why it sank and what happened during the terrible event.

What is it like to be an explorer? We will look at the experiences of Captain Robert Scott and write our own diary entries about how we would feel. To gain first-hand experience we will be taking our own expedition through the treacherous landscape of Armitage taking with us all we need to survive for the day. We will complete challenge activities, make a campfire and maybe even pitch a tent.

LITERACY - The children will be reading a variety of topic based texts which will be the basis for all our literacy activities. We will be looking at story writing and the elements necessary for a good narrative and developing their ability to write in different genres including: arguments, poems, diaries and leaflets. We will be reading a variety of different poems including 'The Highwayman' and we will be undertaking some role play, hot seating and freeze framing activities to empathise with the situation the characters find themselves in.

There will be great emphasis placed on Grammar and Punctuation as this now makes up a separate test in SATS so we need to ensure that in Class 6 we are now able to use and identify a wider range of devices such as past, present and future tense, word classes and identification and punctuation of clauses. Spelling patterns will be studied each week (such as prefixes and suffixes including 'ble' 'ful' and less, plurals, and words with double and silent letters)

NUMERACY - This term we will continue addressing the four rules of number, fractions, decimals and percentages. We need to focus on specific calculation methods as one of the assessments has this as its focus. We will look to apply these to SAT based problems to enable them to see how these types of questions will be asked in the summer. There will be particular emphasis on shape, data and measures and reference will be made to SATs style questions every week which will also be included in Homework tasks. I would encourage all of the children to practice tables (timetable rockstars) and number bonds at home to consolidate their learning as we will continue to do in class.

SCIENCE - We will be studying many different aspects of electricity including completing closed circuits, identifying component symbols and investigating what happens to a circuit if we: overload it, add more bulbs or batteries and how the length and width of a wire affects the brightness of a bulb.

In the second half term the children will be learning about light, completing a series of investigations looking at how light travels in straight lines and how it is made up of 7 different colours.

We are no longer going swimming on Thursdays; instead the children be doing PE (gymnastics) on a Friday afternoon. Here we will be creating shape, following different pathways, using a variety of levels to create more complex sequences. Can I remind all children that they will need a plain white top and a pair of black shorts? There will also be a number of sporting competitions for Y6 to be part of.

Other curriculum areas:- Throughout the topic the class will be looking at planning and designing a new William Morris style wall paper, looking at and copying his designs and creating our own. We will have the opportunity in D&T to construct and evaluate the effectiveness of a model boat considering the most appropriate use of materials. In French we will further develop their knowledge of the number system and simple classroom instructions and teach French words for different animals their colour and the way they move. They will consider different countries, types of weather and telling the time

In RE we will discuss the Easter story and look at biographies of famous Christians. There will be studies on religion in the community and they will learn about how and why children celebrate Bar and Bat Mitzvah

If you have questions about anything featured on this newsletter than please do not hesitate to contact me, my email is staff25@croft.staffs.sch.uk.

Thank you Mr Hughes Class 6 Teacher