

Spring 1



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## Dates for your diary:

Bikeability (Group 2) - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> January  
 6A trip to Forest Hill Library - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
 6BD trip to Forest Hill Library - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
 World Hijab Day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
 Children's Mental Health Week - Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> February  
 Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
 Spring Disco and Last Day of Term - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
 Half term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.  
 Start of Spring 2 - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all!

We have been hugely impressed with the way the children have returned to school after the Christmas break, and we look forward to a new half term of learning.

We are delighted to welcome back Richard Parsons (a PGCE student) into the Year 6 team: he will be working with 6A until February. Mrs Bullard is currently undergoing a teacher training placement at another school; she will return to 6BD after the February half term. Whilst she is away, 6BD will be taught either by Mrs Dhillon or by Ms. Asghar

## ENGLISH

### READING

This term, we will be reading 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow. Told in poetic form and through the eyes of a Year 6 child, this powerful story is all about finding your place in the world and the people that matter with in it. We feel that our children will be able to relate to many of the issues that are raised throughout this story.

### WRITING

Over the next few weeks, we will be writing explanation texts about cheetah hunts. Their final piece of writing in this unit will be put towards their end of year writing assessment

## MATHS

Our main areas of focus this half term are:

- Fractions (including comparing fractions, multiplying fractions and dividing fractions by whole numbers)
- Converting percentages to fractions and decimals
- Finding fractions of an amount

You can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum on the school's website.

Please encourage your child to play TTrackstars regularly.

## SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised across four of our early morning sessions (from 8:45am - 9:00am) across a two-week cycle. The children will be tested on these words on the Friday of the second week.

Our first focus will be on words that use the 'soft c' to make the 'œ' grapheme.

## SCIENCE

This half-term, we will learn about living things, focusing on how animals, plants and organisms can be classified into different groups, and giving reasons for our choices. We will also be planning our own investigations, and learning more about measuring, recording, hypothesising and fair testing.

## PE

This half-term, the focus will switch to dance in Indoor PE and football in Outdoor PE. Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lessons (*please note a change of day in red*):

6DB - *Tuesdays* and Thursdays

6A - *Wednesdays* and Fridays

## COMPUTING

In computing, we will be developing our understanding of spreadsheets, learning how to input data and creating formulae to help to manage that data.

## GEOGRAPHY

In geography, we will be exploring the concept of fair trade, how it helps communities across the globe, and investigating some of the UK's main imports and exports.

## ART

This half term, we will be focusing on drawing. We will be exploring a range of expressive drawing techniques and learning how symbolism can be used in art to create different meanings.

## HOME LEARNING

Home learning continues to be an important part of Year 6 as we begin to prepare the children for secondary school:

Maths Home Learning - this is taken home on Fridays and returned on Wednesdays.

English Home Learning - this will be alternated between writing, reading and grammar. Each weekly task is set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.

This term, writing tasks should be written in their new 'writing for pleasure' journals!

Spellings - See spelling blurb on the left of the page.

## Finally...

If you need to get in contact with us, please do so during school hours only: 8:00am - 6:00pm (Monday - Friday) and we will respond as soon as we can.

Please note our email addresses:

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