

Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring term, this term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.



English: During our first term we will be using 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan which is a picture book with no words. We will then be focusing our writing around our history topic of World War II during the next two terms. We will be writing diaries and letters focused on Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan and When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle. We will continue to practice our SAT busting skills for reading comprehension and grammar and spelling.

Maths: We are continuing to build our mathematical skills through understanding negative numbers in context, finding out what BODMAS is, beginning algebra, finding missing angles in shapes, understanding ratio and proportion and understanding and calculating the areas and perimeters of shapes. We will continue to practice our arithmetic skills and our SAT busting skills in our SAT buster books.



History: We will be studying World War II for the next two terms. Our first topic is 'The Rise and Fall of Hitler' and then we will study 'World War II'.

Geography: During Geography in the next two terms we will be studying North and South America.

Science: In term 3 we will be studying electricity and in term 4 we will study all the different aspects of light, reflection, refraction, colour and how we see.

Religion & Worldviews: In term 3 we will be studying Hinduism and focusing on the question 'Why do Hindus want to be good?' In term 4 we will study Christianity and beliefs about the resurrection to answer the question 'What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?'

PE: In term 3 we will be having Pilates lessons in PE and in term 4 we will be learning Dance and having a sports taster of Tennis.



ICT: We will be studying Data and information spreadsheets in term 3. In term 4 we will be finding out about creating media: 3D modelling.

PE for this term will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. Please remember that children should not wear hoodies.

Library is on a **Wednesday**.

Upcoming Events

- **Pancake toss – Friday 13th February**
- **World book day – Thursday 6th March**
- **Year 6 class assembly – Friday 7th March**
- **Datchet's got talent – Friday 14th March**
- **Wonderful Women's church service – Friday 28th March**
- **Parent's meetings – 25th & 27th March**
- **Easter church service – 3rd April**
- **Easter bonnet parade – 4th April**

Activities to do at home:

Please read with your child regularly and record this in their reading records. Ask them questions to check their understanding.

Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and look at bus and train timetables when possible as these often come up in the SATs tests and are skills for life.

Please also encourage your child to use **doodlemaths** and practice their times tables.

Homework:

Homework will consist of a maths and English SATs buster book and will be given on a **Friday** and is due in the following **Wednesday**. Homework will not be marked if it is handed in later than Wednesday. Children who have not done their homework will have to stay in at break to complete it to prepare them for senior school.

Spellings will be set on a **Friday** for a test the following **Friday**. Please also encourage your child to log onto **spelling frame** regularly.