

Year 6 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back! With the spring term well and truly underway, I would like to take the opportunity to give some important information, key aspects of year 6 and some diary dates. Firstly, the year group have responded positively to the change in staffing within the Year 6 team. Enthusiasm, motivation and independence have been key learning behaviours we have noticed from the children on their start to this term and are certain these will continue throughout the rest of this year.

Harry Potter Day and trip

We started the term with our Harry Potter Day whereby the children were sorted into their Hogwarts houses and took part in some exciting lessons in order to fully immerse them into this magical world. This topic will drive much of our writing throughout Spring and exciting cross curricular activities have been planned for this unit including trips to Brookfield to use their music suite to create compositions.

Our trip to the Warner Bros studios, to explore the making of the movies, proved to be a great success. The children were able to explore –not only the sets used in the films– but also the concept art and 3d white card models; techniques and skills which they will now be exploring in our Art, D.T and ICT learning.

Civic award

We are really impressed with the effort our Civic Awarders are putting into their hobbies, school service and public service. This term there will be the opportunity for Civic Awarders to run school clubs in order to meet school service requirements. Just a reminder that the final hand in date for Civic Award folders will be in late April/early May.

Stone Farm & trip monies

Just a reminder that any outstanding Stone Farm money and any outstanding trip monies can be paid online.



P.E. Kit and Uniform

Please ensure that your child adheres to the school policy for uniform (including suitable footwear). Plain stud earrings and no other forms of jewellery should be worn to school. Please also ensure your child has a full and suitable PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays. We ask our year 6 to lead by example in all areas, including school uniform.

As the end of Key Stage 2 grows ever closer, it is important that children continue to close the gaps in learning that inevitably crop up for each of them at various stages. With time in school at a premium, home learning is a fantastic way to boost your child's confidence in areas where they feel less confident and resources like mathematics and bug club are ideal ways to work alongside your child to help in this.

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YEAR 6**

Home learning



Feedback from the last couple of years has shown that there is a sharp increase in the expectations of homework when children move to secondary school and in order to help ease that transition we are adjusting our expectations of the amount of homework and their level of organisation with it.

Work will still generally be set on Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday, however after mock SATs, a number of shorter pieces of revision work may also be set during the week. These shorter pieces of work are intended to follow up the work covered during the day and will be vital to ensure that key objectives for KS2 and year 6 are confidently met. We appreciate your help in providing your child somewhere quiet and focused to complete these tasks



Mock SATs

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th Feb

There are 3 main purposes to this week:

1. **To enable us to assess children's current attainment and review their targets.**
2. **To identify areas which need more revision across the year group.**
3. **To prepare the children for the actual SATs week.**

The week will be organised exactly the same as the real SATs, with children finding out where they will sit, how long they have for each test and what the expectations will be. There is very little pressure during this week, although as with all tests, the pupils are encouraged to try their best and show what they have learned. All information regarding special requirements are detailed on the presentation online or alternatively do not hesitate to come and speak to Mrs Hart regarding this.

Dates for your diary...

