



Year 6 Spring Term 2023 Information

Literacy

Literacy sessions will take place every day. Writing, including sentence construction and grammar, will be taught through a variety of teaching sequences from Pathways to Write, which is our school Writing Scheme, using two main texts - **Manfish by Jennifer Berne** and **Island A Story of the Galapagos by Jason Chin**. We will be reading *Holes* by Louis Sachar during the Littletown Stories sessions at the end of the day. Handwriting, SPAG, Spelling and Reading Comprehension will be further developed within discrete lessons and through our Pathways to Read carousel. There is an expectation that the children working on Lexia Core 5 will spend at least 30 minutes per week working on Lexia at home.

Maths

Maths sessions will take place every day. These will be taught using the Power Maths scheme through which pupils will be encouraged to gain a deeper understanding of the following areas: Fractions, decimals and percentages, algebra, area and perimeter, ratio and proportion and measures.

In addition, the children will consolidate their arithmetic skills and formal written calculation methods, applying these skills to develop their mathematical reasoning. They will continue to develop these skills in discrete Rapid Arithmetic sessions. It is essential that the children have knowledge of all the multiplication facts with instant fluency - using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) and Timestables.co.uk, at home, will support this.

Curriculum 22 Geography Project

Frozen Kingdoms - This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence

them. We will research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems. We will learn about Antarctic explorers and those that braved the elements to rescue terrified passengers from the Titanic struck by a deadly iceberg that now hides deep beneath the Southern Ocean.

Key reminders

P.E. (Tuesday-outdoor, Friday-indoor)

Children will be required to come to school in their PE kit on their timetabled PE days of Tuesday and Friday. As the weather continues to be cold, the children can wear jogging bottoms.

Medication Forms

If your child requires any medicine during school times, a medical form must be completed. All medicines should be prescribed by a doctor. Please collect a form from the office. If your child has an inhaler, please provide the school with the asthma care plan that you should have received from the asthma nurse.

Homework

Homework will be set each Friday and should be returned to school by the following Thursday.

There will be a 10 minute Literacy Workout, a 10 minute Maths Workout and a weekly spelling list. The homework will be marked during the day on Friday and spellings tested. As always, we expect the children to read for about 20 minutes per day and complete their Google Classroom Reading Record.

We run a drop in Homework Club on Tuesday lunchtime, from 12.15pm - 12:45pm for children who feel they are struggling with elements of that week's homework.

Weekly Reading Record

We have an online system in Year 6. The children will no longer have a paper reading diary; this is in preparation for secondary school where there is a similar system. Year 6 have a Weekly Reading & Spelling Record set up on their

Google Classroom. The children are expected to record any Accelerated Reading they do, along with time spent on Lexia. These will be checked each Monday.

Key dates for the spring term

w/b Monday 30th January: Mock SATs tests, held in the school hall to prepare for the actual tests w/b May 8th 2023. We will share the results and progress the children have made during Parent Consultations. The data will be analysed and will help inform our teaching to best support the children in the run up to SATs.

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February: Half-term holiday

Thursday 23rd February: SATs Information meeting for parents at 5pm.

We will share the timetable for SATs, consider the expectations, share some example questions and look at how parents can support their children in preparation for the tests.

w/b Monday 27th February: Individual Parent Consultations in school. This will be a chance to discuss your child's progress. Times and details to follow.

Monday 20th March - Wednesday 22nd March: Pixies Holt residential for 6JF

Wednesday 22nd March - Friday 24th March: Pixies Holt residential for 6CB

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April: Easter holiday

Monday 17th April: First day of Summer term

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