

Year 6



Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a great Easter holiday! We were really impressed by the hard work and positive attitude of the children who attended Easter school; we know that those who didn't attend were working hard at home as well. We now have three weeks until the SATs, which begin on Monday 14th May. Further details about the week itself will follow shortly.

It is vital, at this crucial point in the year, that your child is on time and attends school every day. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Miss Boyle, Miss Gladman, Mrs Butler and Miss Kapoor.

Topic Focus: Our Future

This half term our topic is 'Our Future'. Our outcome for this unit in DT will be to design and make a model of a renewable energy source that could power our school and therefore reduce our carbon footprint. We will begin by finding out about the dangers of global warming and what things we can do to help the environment.

In our Art lessons, we will consider the question 'what is art?' and compare artwork by David Hockney to work produced on a computer.

In Science, we will learn about Electricity. This topic will include developing an understanding of circuits and using this knowledge to solve problems.

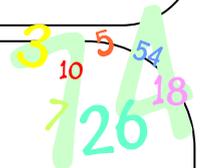
English (incl Reading)



In English this half term we have begun by reading 'Varmints' by Helen Ward. In the story, the Varmints peaceful world is taken over by the 'Others' who build high-rise towers, destroying the natural environment. We will hold a debate about if this change is in fact a sign of positive progress and over the next week we will have other opportunities to express our opinions in various forms!

Our next book is 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. This is a fantastic story about relationships. We are more than happy for children to have their own copy of the book but please do not encourage your child to read on at home!

Maths



In our Maths lessons, we will be revising the full range of topics taught this year.

Over the next few weeks, we will be setting additional homework in order to fully prepare for the SATs.

Please support your child at home by ensuring they practise their times tables, use Mathletics three times a week and fully complete any homework set.

Reminders

Important dates

Thursday 3rd May: Heronsgate Day (RA at Thamesmead)

Monday 7th May: Bank holiday

Monday 14th May - Thursday 17th May: SATs week.

Friday 25th May: SNAP Theatre day

Reminders

This term we are continuing with our revision timetable for the upcoming SATs assessments in May. This may mean that PE days are changed at short notice. Therefore, please ensure that children bring in their PE kit on a Monday morning and take them home on Friday afternoon.

Children are permitted to bring in 60p for Healthy Snack Shop, which runs on Tuesday to Friday each week. They may buy a piece of fruit and/or a drink. Please do not allow your child to bring in any other money to school with them.

Home Learning

We will be teaching a few key spellings in class each day until SATs. Pupils should use Mathletics at least three times a week. Please see separate sheet for topic-related homework.

Activities for all the family:

- Visit the Science museum to learn about electricity.
- As a family, discuss ways you could reduce your impact on the environment.
- Visit the London Transport Museum to see how transport has changed and how it might evolve in the future.

E-Safety Other H&S British Values etc.

Our Values this half term are Democracy and Respect.

E-Safety reminder: We continue to educate the children about how to use social media and stay safe on the internet. We would be grateful if you would support us in this by monitoring their usage at home and stressing the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if anything upsetting happens to them online. If you would like any advice on this, please speak to us.