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Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a lovely half-term break and the children are eager to return.

This half term will be the last big push before the SATS tests. This means that the next six weeks are crucial for academic learning and practising exam technique. 100% attendance is essential as is impeccable behaviour. A zero tolerance will be taken on any disruptions in the classroom.

Morning maths boosters will be starting the first week back, with a select group of children (who have already been notified via WhatsApp). Throughout the next half-term, different groups of children will be asked to attend morning boosters, for various subjects, to further support their learning with SATS approaching. Therefore, please be vigilant with the WhatsApp messages from school.

All the year 6 children have been given a fantastic resource of SATS revision guides – Maths text book, Maths question book, Grammar text book and a Grammar question book. It is expected that all children use their revision guides daily to further support their learning at home. This is not just for SATS revision, but this is also preparation for secondary school. I would suggest that children revise topics that we have previously studied and also look at topics we have studied that particular day. Children should come to see me with any questions they have or anything they do not understand. Revision guides should be brought to school each day.

Year 6 have started a 'Quick Maths' challenge. This is a daily competition to complete one maths reasoning question that should only take a minute or two to complete. The question should be returned to school the following morning with the correct answer. If your child is unsure of the answer, then the maths revision guide could be used. Again, this is preparation for SATS and secondary school.

Every Friday, year 6 will be participating in a 'Spelling Bee' as a creative way to practise/learn spellings. This will improve writing standards and also prepare for the SATS spelling test. The children have copies of the words that may be tested so please encourage them to practise their spellings frequently.

There will be more information provided about SATS with a presentation for parents/carers during this half-term. However, please take note of the dates below:

SATS tests - Monday 14th May till Thursday 17th May 2018

Many thanks for your continuous support.

Year 6
Miss Armitage, Mr Everett and Mrs Tarrant



English

Our class novel will remain as **The Boy in Striped Pyjamas**. We will continue to link in our reading skills, grammar and writing opportunities alongside the text.

Our non-fiction texts will be linked to our history topic of World War 2.

We will also complete practice SATS reading papers and grammar/spelling papers.

Computing

Our theme for this half-term is COLLECT. We will be gathering data and analysing the results. We will present the findings in various ways and link in our maths knowledge of Statistics.



PSHCE

We will be learning about 'Identity, Society and Equality'.
What do these words mean? How does it apply to us? How does it apply to the world?

P.E **Applying Physical Skills** is our underlying theme for this half-term.



R.E.

What is Islam? What are the main teachings? How does it compare to other religions?

Science

Light

We will be finding out how light works: how it travels, how light enters our eyes and how the eye works. What is reflection? We will also look at shadows, particularly shadow size and the shape.

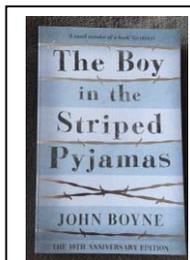
History/Geography

World War 2

We will continue our studies of WW2. Why were children evacuated and where did they go? What role did the women play?

We will also study the Holocaust as this links in with our class novel.

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Important Information

- Last half-term before SATS – attendance is crucial and 100% effort is needed
- Boosters are starting for specific groups of children
- Revision guides should be used daily by all children
- Quick Maths should be completed daily and returned to school each morning
- Children are encouraged to read at home at least 3 times a week and adults to sign their planners to say they have done so
- All homework is set on a Friday and is due back on a Wednesday – this is crucial for SATS revision
- Spellings are given out on Fridays and tested the following Friday
- P.E. kit is needed in school every day
- Last day of term is Thursday 29th March

Art:

The children will use various materials to create WW2 scenes of the Blitz (heavy bombing over London).

In addition to this, the class will study the famous artist LS Lowry.

Music

We will continue to sing war time classics. Make sure to ask the children what songs they have learned and perhaps ask them to sing the songs to their grandparents or elderly relatives. We will also create some beats using our 'improvised' untuned instruments and write our own lyrics.

Maths

- Ratio and proportion
- Measurement and area
- Angles
- Statistics
- Algebra
- Shape
- Weekly arithmetic skills
- Problem solving and reasoning
- SATS style questions
- SATS practice tests