

Year 5 & 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to a new term, and welcome to Anya who has joined Year 6! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas. This newsletter will let you know what we will be covering this term as well as any changes.



Topic: Our topic this term is “To Infinity and Beyond...” This is an exciting and rich topic with a vast range of opportunities for cross-curricular learning. We will become scientists as we delve into the mysteries of space and learn new facts about our solar system. We will also be focusing on the history of space travel, especially some key dates and events.



Science, DT and Art: Our Science and DT work will link closely to our topic this term. First we will cover “May the forces be with you!” where we will learn about forces; this will help us with our DT work as we will be using levers, linkages, pulleys and gears to make some of our own space-themed toys. In the second half of term, we will focus more on the Moon, Sun and planets and create our own space artwork.



Music: Young Voices is quickly approaching (14th February) so we will be practising the songs and dance moves. If you want to practise the songs at home, they all seem to be on YouTube under “Young Voices Songs 2019”. Club will begin in the second week of term, day TBC.

English: Time will be put aside this term to allow for class reading time where we will be able to focus on vocabulary and language in our class book. Most of the time, this book will also be used in our English lesson. We are beginning with Phoenix: an exciting space adventure. We will do a new Reading Pro test this week.

Maths: We will continue to use Broadbent to plan our maths objectives with a strong focus on confidence with arithmetic and extending knowledge into reasoning problems. As ever, times tables will be a big focus and we are still using Times Table Rockstars. I am keeping a record of times table progress, and it is clear that those children contributing to weekly battles are making good progress.



Homework: Maths, Grammar and talking homework will still be going out on a Tuesday and returned on the following Monday. If your child is off school on Tuesday, their homework will be in their tray. In the lead up to SATs and to help prepare them for secondary school, Year 6 may receive additional homework outside of usual days.

Spellings: Our trial of Spelling Shed was a success and so we will be using this more. Spelling homework will now be set on this and will run from Friday to Friday each week (with the list being completed 3 times). Your child should have their username and password. I will still be testing the list (by hand) on Fridays. If you do not have access to Spelling Shed at home, I will find time in school for your child to complete their homework. Please sign and return the slip below **to me** if you cannot access Spelling Shed at home.



Mrs Curwen

As we cannot access Spelling Shed at home, I would like my child to have time during the school day to complete their spelling homework.

Child's Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

