

Year 6 Half-Termly Newsletter – Spring 1

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed some family time. A very happy New Year to you! It's wonderful to welcome the children back for the Spring 1 term, and we're excited about all the learning ahead.

The children have come back with such a positive attitude, showing responsibility, enthusiasm, and a real determination to do their best. It's been lovely to see how quickly they have settled back into school routines and how ready they are to tackle new challenges.

Reading at Home

Reading continues to be a big focus in Year 6. The children are enjoying Reading Plus and also exploring a range of books for pleasure. Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Reading journals should be signed five times a week, including a mix of Reading Plus and independent reading. Your support really helps the children to build confidence and fluency.

Maths Practice

We are also focusing on maths fluency through Times Table Rockstars. Regular short practice sessions at home really make a difference and help children feel confident with their times tables, which is so important for lots of areas in maths. Thank you for supporting them with this.

Homework

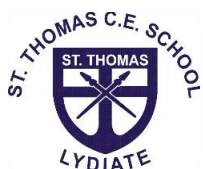
This term, children will start receiving weekly homework in Maths or English. Homework will go **home on Wednesday** and should be **returned by the following Monday**. We really appreciate your support in making sure it's completed, as it helps reinforce what the children have learned in class.

PE

Swimming has now finished for the year. PE lessons will continue to be on **Tuesdays**, so children should come to school in their PE kits on that day.

SATs Preparation

We have already started small-group booster sessions in school time this term to support the children as they get ready for their KS2 SATs in May. After-school booster sessions will start after the February half-term. We'll also be holding a parent meeting in Spring 2 to share details about the SATs and how you can help your child at home.



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Trip - Imperial War Museum

Our first trip of the year will be to the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday 29th January. If you haven't yet given permission on MyEd, please do so as soon as you can. Children should come to school at the normal time and will be back before the end of the school day. Don't forget a packed lunch for your child on the day.

The Year 6 Team

This term, the Year 6 team is:

- Mrs Wainwright - Class Teacher
- Mrs Stankowski - Teaching Assistants
- Mrs Gibson – Teaching Team

Looking Ahead

We have a busy and exciting half term ahead! The children bring energy, humour, and kindness to every day, and it's a real pleasure to teach them. Thank you so much for your continued support - it really makes a difference to the children's learning.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wainwright

Year 6 Class Teacher



Year 6 Curriculum Map

In the first Spring term, we will be learning about:

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Maths In maths we will working on percentages and ratio. We will then move on to algebra. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of area and perimeter.	English Our English work will be focussing on two beautiful picture books this half term: The Ways of the Wolf and the Wolves in the Walls. The children will be writing stories, information texts, descriptive writing and balanced arguments.	RE In RE, our title is, 'Why Was The Exodus Such a Significant Event in Jewish and Christian History?' This unit gives pupils a greater understanding of the significance of the Exodus and Passover. It also looks at the direct links between Christianity and Judaism.
History In history, we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of the lead-up to World War II. We will explore how the German people felt in regard to armistice and the Treaty of Versailles and how the Nazi party controlled many aspects of life in Germany.	Geography In geography, we will be learning all about North America and the various biomes there. We will also study which rivers run through North America, why they are an important source and what is currently happening to them due to the growing population and water usage.	Science Our science work will focus on 'Light' and how our eyes work in order for us to see. The children will explore how light travels, what it is made up of and what constitutes natural and artificial light. They will also study the shape of shadows and how periscopes work.
PE This half term we will be moving onto gymnastics in PE, where the children will be working in groups to produce sequences involving rolls, formations, pathways and changes in direction, level and speed.	Music In music, Year 6 are fortunate to continue learning to play the ukulele, as well as exploring key musical vocabulary and appraising pieces of music.	MFL In French, our topic is Healthy Lifestyles. We will be learning the words for different foods and key phrases for types of exercise and activities.
PSHE Through our My Happy Mind scheme, children are focussing on 'Appreciate'. This module includes a fair amount of reflection and is very much about the children learning to develop what we call an 'Attitude of Gratitude'. An Attitude of Gratitude is best described as taking the time to stop and think about all there is to be grateful for.	Computing We will be learning more about spreadsheets and how to use them efficiently to plan events and answer questions.	