

Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year. Miss Kirby and I would like to thank you for your generous gifts, cards and kind words from last term. As always, it is a very busy term. We have lots of exciting things planned.

Last term, the children worked so hard, I am sure this will continue for the rest of the academic year. Our intention is to make this term an exciting one, full of fantastic different learning opportunities which will engage the children and help them to develop and progress both academically and socially.

Homework

Homework for Year 5 will recommence w/c 8th January. This will continue to be online homework and will be set every Friday on 'My Maths'.

In addition, I would ask that all children read at least 3 times a week. Children are free to change their books when necessary. Whatever stage your child is at in reading please encourage reading for enjoyment.

Year 6 children will receive Maths and English homework based on their booster classes.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given on a Friday, with the children being tested the following Friday. I recommended children use the Look, cover, write, check technique to help them learn their spellings. Spellings will be given on Friday 12th January.

Home Projects

We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children's home projects so far. The effort and enthusiasm that they put in is outstanding. If your child has not yet done their home project, please send it in when ready.

Recommended Homework Timetable

Class	Maximum Time per day spent on homework	Daily homework	Weekly tasks (Please note with IDL and tables you don't have to do it all in one go - you can spread out over the week.)		Homework Given out	Homework due in	Other
5/6	35 - 45 mins per night	10 mins reading each night (Independent readers at least 3 times a week)	My Maths	20 mins	Friday	Friday	Throughout the year the children will also have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation projects on Science and Maths Topics. • For Year 6 additional Homework will be sent linked to SATs preparation and also to prepare them for the demands of High school.
			Literacy	30 mins	Friday	This might be IDL, home projects or a specific piece of work linked to what we have learnt in class that week.	
			Spelling	20 mins	Friday	Friday	

X Factor

Our annual X-Factor Times Table competition will begin w/c 15th January. Please encourage your child to take part and help them learn their table facts at home. A separate letter with more information will be sent out.

Year 6 SATs Boosters

SATs booster groups begin w/c 15th January 2024. We will run two sessions each week; Numeracy on a Monday and Literacy on a Tuesday. The sessions run from 3:15 - 4:15. Alongside the preparation done in class, these sessions will help prepare your child for their End of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments. Pupils will receive numeracy and literacy homework each booster session - this needs to be completed and in school the following Monday or Tuesday.

Below I have outlined the different units covered in each curriculum area.

Literacy

In Literacy, we are following a 'Teach through a text' approach. The first text that children will read is 'Suffragette: The Battle for Equality' by David Roberts. Pupils will have various writing opportunities linked to the text such as newspaper reports, diary entries and debates. Later in the term, children will read 'The invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick.

Every child will be encouraged to write cursively, using their frixion pen.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar work will be embedded throughout our literacy units.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, children will work across various areas of Maths. We will begin with formal and mental methods for both multiplication and division. Fractions, decimals and percentages will also be covered as well as squared and cubed numbers. Later in the term we will cover 2D and 3D shapes, ratio and proportion, measures and problem solving.

PE

Our PE day is on Tuesday. The first half of term we are focusing on a Gymnastic unit. This will take place in the school hall and children will need to be bare-foot. During the second half term, children will work through a striking and fielding unit; rounders. This will take place outside; trainers can be worn.

Children **do not** need to bring their PE bag into school, they should come to school in their PE kit every Tuesday. PE kit consists of:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- A Singleton PE Hoody
- Red shorts (in winter these can be replaced with black joggers or leggings)
- Trainers or pumps

*All earrings must be taken out before the PE lesson. Children must not wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their earrings, they will take on a non-active role in the lesson.

Art and Design

Class 3 will learn how to create a 'photomontage'. They will demonstrate an understanding of Edward Weston' style through their own artistic choices.

French

Children will broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words in a particular context. We have two themes this term; Clothes and Weather.

Humanities

Our humanities focus is Geography in the first half term, where children will study an Alpine Region. In the second half term, our focus will be History - The Vikings.

Computing

This half term children will explore two different units; spreadsheets and blogging. Children will also continue to develop their understanding of keeping safe online.

Science

The first Science unit that children will complete is, 'Material World'. Children will sort and test different materials. During the second half of the term, children will move to our 'Light' unit. They will conduct a scientific experiment to see how light travels.

R.E

Pupils will gain a deeper understanding of Exodus and the Passover. As we move into the second half term, children will explore the question, 'Why do Christians celebrate Eucharist?'

Our whole school worship is on Monday 29th January. We invite you to join us in this in our school hall at 8:50am.

PSHE

Children will discuss how to keep themselves safe, in particular keeping safe when online. They will also identify their rights and responsibilities in society today.

Fantastic Friday

This half term our unit is 'Electrical Systems'. Children will incorporate their new learning with learning from their Science Electricity topic to design and make an electronic game. In the second half term, pupils will be taking part in Forest Schools with Ms Rund - more information will be sent out before February break.

Finally, a polite reminder to be prompt when dropping off and collecting pupils. Please ensure all children are accompanied by an adult at all times and dropped directly at the door where a face-to-face handover to a member of staff can take place (this includes kids club).

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I will be at the classroom door every afternoon, otherwise please contact the office who will pass your query on to me.

Many Thanks

Mrs James