

Year 6 Class Newsletter

1st Half Spring term 2019



Dear Parents,

Happy new year! I hope you all had a restful break. We have got lots of exciting learning planned for the children. This term is a crucial time for the children in their learning; they need to be getting a good night's sleep to ensure that they are alert enough to progress in their learning. If you ever have any concerns or questions about anything please come and ask myself or Emily.

Our half termly topic this term is: True or False?

What we will be learning as part of our topic: This topic will run for all of the spring term to allow us to have an in-depth investigation of every aspect. We will be learning about the many mysteries in our world including how the human eye works and how images are processed by our brains. We will also investigate how light travels including using different objects to try to bend light. The children will also have the chance to create their own fake images, showing how technology allows us to trick the mind. In DT the children will create a periscope that will allow them to look around corners.

What we will be learning in English: We will be exploring the fascinating novel 'The Island' by Armin Greder. They will explore the world of the Islanders and think about why the characters behaved in the way they do. This book is a simple tale but it explores broader themes. The children will be involved in drama sessions to imagine what the characters are going through. They will also be involved in a debate in which children must think carefully about their points while trying to link their points to other children's ideas.

What we will be learning in Maths: In maths we will be continuing to practice our mental maths skills in daily CLIC sessions, focusing on revising the calculation strategies that we practiced in the autumn term. We will also be exploring fractions, decimals and percentages – making links between the three aspects constantly. Learning the key conversion facts will allow children to have confidence in this topic. We will also begin revision afternoons in which the children will work through word problems with support from the adults.

Other activities, trips and events this half term: The NSPCC will be visiting to deliver a workshop. Nick Carter will also be coming in to deliver an exciting assembly.

What you can do to help

Children should be reading for half an hour every single day- this will help them to have more stamina in their reading. If you can read with your child, it will help develop a love of reading. If you have access to the internet then please visit websites such as Skoolbo and BBC BITESIZE .

Things to remember:

- PE kits need to be brought in every Monday and taken home every Friday to be washed.
- Homework is given out every Friday and is due back to school the following Wednesday.
- Remember! – school starts at 8:55. All children should be lined up and ready each morning.
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school, please ensure your child has one.
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

Other information:

We will begin revision sessions on Monday afternoons in preparation for the SATS in May.

Best wishes from the class team:

Alice White - Class Teacher, Emily Harris-Casey - HTLA