

Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and the new term. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few things and to tell you about what has been planned for your child for this term.

Year 6's topics and themes

This term's main topic will be *Lights, Camera, Action*. This will be made cross-curricular through Literacy, Numeracy, art, music, history, geography, DT and Computing.

In addition to this, we will be studying the book *the Invention of Hugo Cabret*, written by Brian Selznick. This spellbinding mystery revolves around a 12-year old boy, Hugo. Hugo, an orphan, clock keeper and thief lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But, when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the train station, Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy.

In maths, we will develop our understanding of algebra, volume of solids, number sequences and angles. We will continue to secure our understanding of the four number operations through problem solving activities.

Our first science topic this term will be concerned with the continuation of *Evolution and Inheritance*, which will include an exploration of the origin of species and how individuals acquire characteristics. We will then, in conjunction with our topic, explore the wonders of light.

Throughout the term, we will be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and the use of language. The children will also be encouraged to read a wide range of texts to continue improving their fluency, understanding and deduction skills. We would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

In maths, times tables are vitally important if the children are going to make good progress. Using the internet games or board games can help reinforce them in a fun and enjoyable way - links have been made available on our website.

National Media Museum – Monday 21st January

As you will be aware, we have an exciting trip planned to the National Media Museum in Bradford. Part of the Science Museum Group, the venue contains a fantastic array of interactive and engaging exhibits, including the history of photography, an animation gallery (including *Wallace & Gromit* models) and the Wonderlab, a science extravaganza of light and sound. In addition to all of this, we will be taking part in an animation workshop, run by museum staff.

This trip promises to be an engaging and enriching learning experience and will launch our term's topic brilliantly.

Practical information

As usual, we prepare for early morning activities for the class from 8:50am and would encourage your child to access these by coming in as soon as they can from this time. Registers are taken at 9:00am.

We feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home every night for washing and refilling.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

PE

PE lessons may switch days depending on weather or other events happening in school. Therefore, please ensure that your child has their kit in school throughout the week, taking it home at weekends to be washed. Please bring tracksuits, jumpers and light winter jackets during these colder months. Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must either be taken out or covered with micro-pore tape.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on Fridays (except for guided reading homework which will be given on the day of reading). My Maths homework is due in on Mondays (exact due dates can be found by logging in to your child's

personal My Maths area). Spellings will continue to be set this term. All homework can be found on the Year 6 class webpage on the school website; if not already given, hard copies can be requested at any time.

As you can see, this is going to be a very busy term. However, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Thanks for your cooperation and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Hancock