

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break. Please see the updates below for this half term.

Homework

Homework will continue as usual for the Y5 children.

Y6 children were provided with CGP SATs revision guides and question books before Christmas. This will form their homework until the SATs tests. The types of questions are very similar to those in the tests. Please support your child as much as possible with questions they are unsure of. All of the information and guidance is in the revision guides.

An adult will continue to hear your child read at least once a week, though the day may vary - it is therefore important that reading books are in school every day. **Rewards** are given to the children who read on a regular basis.

I will be starting booster classes for the Y6 children to prepare them for the SATs. Details will follow soon in a separate letter.

Maths

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

- Mental addition and subtraction;
- Area, perimeter & volume;
- Cube, prime and square numbers;
- Order of operations (BODMAS);
- Ratio and proportion.

English

Our new class novel is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and we will be covering the following genres of writing:

- Biographies;
- Diary entries;
- Settings;
- Stories.

Computing

This half term the children will continue a stop motion animation that they started before Christmas. They will be adding voices to their images and music.

Science

Class 4 will be discovering how forces affect everything around us. They will investigate and learn about the effects of gravity, friction and others. There will be many hands on experiments, which will involve recording and interpreting data in order to draw conclusions about what has been discovered.

Topic

Our focus this half term is geography based work. We will be looking at the different continents and identifying them on a world map. We will also be learning about the lines of longitude and latitude and discuss time zones.

P.E.

The children will be learning dance with a professional coach over the next five weeks. They will be working in small groups to create dance sequences and they will perform to each other.

R.E.

In R.E., Class 4 will be looking at the question 'What is the Bible and why is it important to Christians?' We will be exploring the Bible and the many different kinds of writing it contains as well as how Christians use it in their daily life.

Spanish

Spanish this half term will be linked to South American Spanish speaking countries.

Art/DT

This half term the children will be focusing on the artist Kandinsky and producing collages and abstract art based on his style.

PSHE

We will be looking at how to make the correct decisions in difficult situations. The children will be given the opportunity to work in groups to discuss their responses.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mowbray



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Class 4