

Welcome to Year 6!

This year is going to be extremely busy. We will be focusing on all things SATs and ensuring that we are all prepared ready to achieve our very best in May 2019.

English.

Our daily English lesson will be an hour each day, in this we will be learning lots of different sentence types and openers, writing extended pieces and using a range of texts to improve our love of writing. Your child will have **weekly spellings (to learn) and a test on Thursday - to assess their understanding**. Each week you will be able to visit the school library and borrow a book, you can exchange this weekly or keep it until you have finished it.

Spelling and Grammar

In Year 6, we are going to be working closely with Year 5, mixing both classes together to focus on a daily SPAG lesson. This will last for 20 minutes and will cover all aspects that are tested in the Year 6 SATs paper.

Maths.

Again, we are going to work with Year 5 in our daily lessons. We will use a weekly assertive mentoring test as a focus for each lesson, Miss Kirk and I will plan together a range of activities each group. 'Times tables' will be high priority as we aspire to complete and improve our 22, 33 club scores, as well as competing in the termly TMPF 'times tables' challenge. This continued drive on multiplication recall is very much needed in the arithmetic paper in the SATs.

PE

Our PE day with ASM (sports coaches) will be every Friday afternoon. From September, we are trialling a new approach to PE. **We want children to come to school dressed in their PE kit**. This will mean that your child will not miss out on valuable lesson time, no PE kits will get lost and we can all enjoy longer PE lessons! Our PE uniform will be, **a yellow/gold t-shirt, navy blue jogging bottoms or blue shorts**, depending on the weather, **a royal blue hoody and trainers**.

Swimming.

In Year 6, we will be swimming every **Tuesday** in the **Autumn Term**. We will begin our swimming lessons on **Tuesday 11th September**. For this it will be a one-piece swimming costume for girls, swimming trunks for boys and, should hair be long, a **swimming hat for both boys and girls**. Don't forget a towel! If goggles are needed to be worn, a letter to give permission is required.

Topic.

In September we will be learning about **World War 1**, fitting in with the Centenary celebrations. We will also be learning about animals, inventions from that period and life for children. In Art/Design and Technology lessons, we shall study artists of the period and investigate wheeled vehicles! Our focus for Geography will be the countries which were involved in the war and maps, and we will also be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day.

Homework

Homework is **set** each **Friday** and is to **be submitted on the following Wednesday**. It is usually a piece of Maths and English. You may even get some practice SATs papers. Every week a set of spelling words will be sent home again on a Friday and the test will always be on the following Friday. We ask each child to **read at least 5 times per week** and to have their **reading diary signed by an adult** for them to collect valuable dojos! Diaries will be collected daily. Please feel free to write in any messages/questions in the diaries if you are unable to speak to me on the yard.

Mock SATs

There will be **three opportunities** to have a practise run at the SATs when we sit past SATs papers in **November, February and March**. This will allow the children to experience formal testing and ensure that it is not so scary when they come to sit the real thing in May.

Mrs Bould