



Year 6

Spring Term Newsletter

January 2024



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your generous Christmas gifts and thoughtful messages at the end of term. We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable, healthy and restful Christmas break.

We are really looking forward to another positive and hard-working term with the class, containing lots of learning and fun!

In Maths we will continue to revise the four rules of number, alongside ongoing mental maths, problem solving and specific topics in order to cover the necessary concepts before the SATs tests in May.

In English we will be focusing on a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and the examination of the key features of various types of writing. We will continue developing ongoing comprehension skills and part of our weekly work will also involve aspects of grammar and punctuation which will help with the development of the children's writing. Spelling will continue to be taught, with weekly lists being given every Friday for a test the following Friday. Please continue to ensure your child learns their spellings each night and remembers to bring their blue spelling book into school for their test. Our Guided Reading focus after half term will be *Skellig* by David Almond.

As part of ongoing homework, your child should be reading regularly, making use of the school library for both fiction and non-fiction books. Do look at the reading list for Year 6 on the school website. Children should also regularly practise their times tables (TT Rockstars is available).

Practice SATs papers in Maths and English will happen again this half term, to help the children prepare for the timed conditions that they will have to work in. These will be marked and scored by us and the results will be privately shared with the pupils, in order to help them understand where improvements can be made. The levels of the papers will be communicated with you during consultation appointments in February. However, don't worry, we are very mindful to ensure that a well-rounded and rich curriculum continues for the class and worries are kept to a minimum.

Our Science work will include the topics of Body Pump (all about the heart and circulatory system) and Danger Low Voltage (an electricity unit).

In History we will be finishing WW2 and then moving on to Geography where we will be looking at Climate Change

In Design and Technology we will be finishing our recycled bags and undertaking a cooking unit.

We will be continuing with our weekly French lessons, developing the five skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar and are excited to hear back from our new pen pals.

In Art we will be undertaking a Street Art unit and continuing the revamp of the Cabin (end wall) with some sixth formers and the Art department from STAHS.

PE will be a combination of basketball, netball, fitness training and gymnastics, both indoors and outdoors, dependent on weather. Please provide appropriate clothing for PE and spare indoor or outdoor shoes. The daily run will continue, so let's hope the weather enables us all to keep up the good practice.

In RE we will be developing a deeper understanding of Islam alongside Christianity.

The Year 6 Curriculum Overview can be found on the school website if you require any further information.

Weekly homework, consisting of both online Maths (Mymaths) and English, including spellings, will be set on Fridays, and is to be handed in on the following Tuesday at the latest. As usual, homework will be explained in class, and will also be accessible via Google Classroom. If there are any queries regarding homework, please contact us via email (admin@maple.herts.sch.uk), rather than through Google Classroom.

We are looking forward to a great term ahead and thank you for your full support.

Kind regards,

Ms Noble & Mrs Theivam