Year 6 Spring 2025

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for the lovely cards and gifts at the end of the Christmas term for both myself and Mrs Loyal. You have all been very generous. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable couple of weeks over the festive season and wish you all a Happy New Year.

**What is new for Spring:**

* Bikeability - the week commencing the 3rd of March. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about road safety and prepare for road cycling at secondary school. Bikes are checked to be road worthy at the start of their sessions. Last year, there was the option to borrow a bike from Avanti if required but please do request this when completing their forms (the link is yet to be sent from Avanti but normally comes through in early February).
* CGP books continue to be the main home learning for Year 6 to help SATS preparation. Please do encourage the children to look up words that they do not understand and/or to bring in their home learning early so that they can talk through questions that are confusing them with an adult at school. It is not okay for them to say that they do not understand on the day as they have plenty of time for the book to come in early to clarify their understanding.
* The children’s SAT week will be the week commencing 12th of May 2025. The exams run from Monday to Thursday.
* A renewed focus on independent writing, this will build a bank of writing for the children’s writing assessment deadline in June which could be moderated by an external advisor from the local authority. Please support this at home by checking home learning for all the basics: joined handwriting that can be read; basic punctuation; and interesting sentences that include adjectives/conjunctions so ideas are fully expressed. Do not accept home learning sentences for practising spellings that all start with I or they!
* Topics for the term across foundation subjects include: the Vikings, History; the circulatory system in Science; the geography of the UK including energy sources; and the study of different artists and their work.

**Home learning**

Home learning will be given out ***at least*** ***three times*** a week as shown below. The core homework will comprise of a mixture of English and Maths. During the course of the term, the children may be given a longer task to be completed over a longer period or an additional task to support research before a lesson. The children will continue to write their weekly tasks in their homework diary. Please do look at these as the children will write additional home learning and information within them.

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| **Out** | **In** |
| Monday (Spelling and Grammar) | Monday (Spelling and Grammar) |
| Thursday (Maths) | The following Thursday (Maths) |
| Friday (Reading comprehension) | The following Friday  (Reading comprehension) |

**Spellings**

Spellings will continue to be given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday. The aim of this home learning is to learn spellings, practise spelling rules and to develop their vocabulary. **Understanding their spellings in context, is key**. Please do test the children at home or get them to practise using the words in sentences so that they learn the meanings of the words sent home. This could be verbally or written.

**Reading**

**Regular reading is essential even in year 6,** daily if possible. This could include reading books, newspapers, magazines/comics, in fact the wider the range of genre that your child reads, the better. Please try to discuss their reading from time to time and continue to listen to them read – this helps to gauge their comprehension of the text they are reading.

**P.E**

PE continues to be Monday and Wednesday. If it is very wet or muddy, the children are welcome to bring a change of footwear for after PE. Long hair must be tied back (as it is for the school day) and earrings and watches, including Fitbits, must be removed for PE on health and safety grounds and placed in the class valuables box. Please ensure that your child is wearing enough layers as it is likely to continue to be cold or very wet this term.

As always please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Firth