

Bassetts Farm Primary School



Year 6 - Spring Term 2018 (First Half Term)

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! This half term our Learning Journey is 'Food Glorious Food'. Here is an overview of our learning.

| Dates | Character Strengths | We will be learning about: |
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| <p>02/01/18 (4 days)</p>  | Thankfulness | <p>This week the children will begin their Learning Journey focusing on Geography and Fair Trade. They will be introduced to 'The Silk Road' - an important trade route used 2,000 years ago - and will then use maps to research the various countries that the Silk Road passes through. In English, we will be concentrating on reading comprehension along with spelling, punctuation and grammar. On Friday, it is 'Tastebud Day'. Please bring in an interesting food we could taste in class. NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE.</p> |
| <p>08/01/18</p>  | Thankfulness | <p>During the week, the children will continue to develop their reading comprehension and spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. In Learning Journey, we will investigate the history of the Silk Road and will learn about the famous explorer Marco Polo. The children will also have their OWL session on Thursday this week - please bring wellies into school on the day.</p> |
| <p>15/01/18</p>  | Thankfulness | <p>In Learning Journey this week the children will be learning about the container ship 'The Marco Polo' - the largest container ship in the world - and will then use their map reading skills to investigate the area surrounding Southampton Docks, where a new docking berth had to be constructed. During our English lessons, the children will continue to focus on reading comprehension, along with grammar, punctuation and spelling.</p> |
| <p>22/01/18</p>  | Wisdom | <p>During this week, the children will begin to investigate products which are imported and exported between China and the UK. We will analyse import and export data and represent this information in bar charts and pie charts. On Thursday, Year 6 will have another OWL session so please bring in wellies!</p> |
| <p>29/01/18</p>  | Wisdom | <p>The focus for our Learning Journey lessons this week will be Fair Trade products. We will learn about the problems facing farmers in different countries, focusing in particular on banana producers in St Lucia, and then investigate Fair Trade and how this has helped some farmers across the world.</p> |
| <p>05/02/18</p>  | Gratitude | <p>For the final week of this half term the children will complete our Geography Learning Journey lessons, discussing the key question: 'Why is Fair Trade Fair?' We will also have an enrichment week, during which we will learn how the Chinese New Year is celebrated and experience Chinese music, art, dance and food. Monday 5th February - Happy Hour.</p> |

Year 6 Home Learning - Please present neatly using joined handwriting.

| Subject | Goes out | Due in | Frequency |
|--------------|--|----------------|-----------|
| Spelling | Wednesday | Tuesday | Weekly |
| Times Tables | Wednesday | Tuesday (Test) | Weekly |
| Maths | Wednesday | Tuesday | Weekly |
| Reading | <p>We expect the children to read at home daily and they MUST read at least one book per week. Please make sure that you regularly read with your child and discuss the books that they are reading. Please note: it is important to question your child about what they have read. eg. <i>How do you think Steve felt when he left the house? Why?</i> These open questions require children to use evidence from the text to support their judgements. It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class.</p> | | |

Reminders

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| <p>Snack money</p>  | <p>Snack money - please pay for this by cheque only and for a whole half term. We have shown the amount due for each half term; you can pay for just the first half term or all if you would like. Jan 2nd - Feb 9th £8.70 Feb 19th - Mar 29th £8.70. Please make cheques payable to DCC.</p> |
| <p>Lunch</p>  | <p>Please see the school website for the menu. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer (please see the packed lunch policy on the school website). Cost £2.20. Please pay using School Money.</p> |
| <p>Uniform</p>  | <p>Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. School shoes should be plain black. Long hair should be tied back, using small white, black or blue bands.</p> |
| <p>PE kit</p>  | <p>This term a hockey specialist will be coming to teach Year 6. Therefore, we will be having two outdoor sessions each week. Please ensure that your child has a T-shirt, jumper, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and trainers.</p> |
| <p>Drinks</p>  | <p>We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.</p> |
| <p>Each morning, a member of staff will greet your child at the door. Please pass on any messages to them, or write us a note. We will supervise the collection of your children each afternoon. If you need to arrange for another person to collect your child, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on 01395 275968.</p> | |

Here are some dates for your calendar:

Friday 5th January: Tastebud Day
 Monday 5th February: Happy Hour
 Monday 5th February: Chinese New Year Week

Teaching assistants:

The teaching assistants working with Year 6 are:
 6E - Mrs Osborn
 6B - Mrs Pym and Mrs Dawson

If you are able to support our learning with resources or would like to help in class, please let a member of staff know. We value your involvement in your child's education.

Yours sincerely, Mr Empson and Mr Boatman