

Bassetts Farm Primary School

Year 6 - Spring Term 2018 (Second Half)

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you had a relaxing holiday. This half term our Learning Journey is *'Once Upon a Picture'*. Here is an overview of our learning.

Dates	Character Strengths	We will be learning about:
19/02/18	FAIRNESS	<p>This week begins with children taking part in 'The Big Draw.' Children will use their creative skills to produce large chalk masterpieces, which will be displayed around the school. We will also spend some time on philosophy, discussing what it means to 'think.'</p> <p>For the remainder of the week, we will look at strategies for tackling comprehension challenges and maths will continue as usual.</p> <p>For PE, we will be continuing with hockey for the first two weeks, before beginning a unit in tennis.</p>
26/02/18	KINDNESS	<p>During the week, Year 6 will continue to work on developing their confidence with reading comprehension and applying their mathematical knowledge and understanding to a range of challenges and problem solving tasks. On Thursday it is World Book Day and the children can come to school dressed as a character from a favourite picture book.</p> <p>This week is OWL week - wellies needed!</p>
05/03/18	PATIENCE	<p>This week is assessment week. On Thursday, Mr Lucas from ECC will be visiting us as part of the children's transition to Year 7 - he will also teach a maths lesson to both classes so children know what to expect next year!</p> <p>We will also be visited by a local artist, who will share her painting techniques and deliver a workshop to some of the children.</p>
12/03/18	HONESTY	<p>This week is Shakespeare week - the children will participate in a workshop run by Bigfoot Arts Company.</p> <p>This week in our Learning Journey we will be focusing on history and the Spanish Armada. The children will look at portraits of Queen Elizabeth I and how she portrayed herself as well as investigating the causes and main events of the Armada.</p> <p>This week is OWL week - wellies needed!</p>
19/03/18	FORGIVENESS	<p>In English, we will begin a new class book, 'Armada' focusing on short writing and comprehension tasks based on the text. Children will also begin to plan their own narrative version of the Spanish Armada.</p> <p>This week is Parents Evening.</p>
26/03/18	RESPECT	<p>During English, children will write their own narrative based on the Spanish Armada. On Wednesday, during the school day, 6E will visit ECC to experience a science lesson; 6B will visit in the summer term.</p> <p>This week is OWL week - wellies needed!</p>

Year Six Home Learning - Please present neatly with joined handwriting.

Subject	Goes out	Due in	Frequency
English	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Maths	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Spellings	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Times tables	Wednesday	Tuesday	Weekly
Reading	Please read daily and update your reading record with your page number.		

Reminders	
Reading for Pleasure 	The children will enjoy a class story read by the class teacher in school.
Snack money 	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.
Lunch 	Please see the school menu and packed lunch policy on the school website.
Uniform 	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.
PE kit 	T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, trainers and socks needed. In Year Six, PE is now Monday and Friday.
Drinks 	We recommend that your child brings a named bottle of water to school every day.
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, or are happy for them to walk home themselves, please let us know in advance or telephone the school on 01395 275968.	

Here are some dates for your calendar:

- 28.02.18 Bedtime Stories
- 01.03.18 WORLD BOOK DAY
- 05.03.18 Parents SATS meeting
- 20.03.18 to 22.03.18 Parents Evenings
- 27.03.18 PTFA Disco at Ocean

Teaching assistants:

The teaching assistants working with Year 6 are:

6E - Mrs Osborn

6B - Mrs Dawson and Mr Sanderson

Yours sincerely,

Mr Empson and Mr Boatman