



Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely break. We are going to continue the hard work from the first 15 weeks and get straight back into subjunctive phrases and algebraic expressions!

Which reminds me, how did you get on with the sample SATs tests? Please remember to complete these to bring back in; we are going to be marking them together at the SATs meeting on Mon 21/1/19. Thank you.

English

After the excitement of The Dark Horse, we are now looking into the confusing, yet ultimately heart-warming picture book, 'Voices in the Park.' This will provide play-scripts and book reviews, as well as provoking debate.

Following this, we'll be reading Clockwork, by Philip Pullman, giving us another excuse for story writing. We'll also be doing lots of drama and art, to back up the understanding and enjoyment.

Maths

The maths lessons will build on results from the tests we did before the holiday; there will be a lot more word problems in order to challenge your children further and deepen their reasoning skills. We'll continue to work on mental agility and weekly times-tables consolidation with speed tables and mental maths. In lessons, we are beginning a data handling phase – line graphs, pie charts, conversion graphs etc.

Once we've got that nailed, we will begin to look at algebra... can't wait! Remember: Algebra is your friend!

Topic

This half term we will be exploring Ordnance Survey maps and the geography of the United Kingdom, building knowledge of cities and counties and ensuring all children can use an Ordnance Survey map, understanding co-ordinates and keys. This will culminate in map drawing and scales – linked to maths.

Science

We will be looking at how living things produce offspring that are similar in appearance whether they are plants or animals. We will also consider how animals have changed over time as they adapt to their surroundings.

RE

What is compassion? This is the question we will be trying to answer!

Art

This half term we will examine how some artists use only a limited amount of colour to create striking pictures.

PHSE

We will continue with the strand 'Relationships,' as we begin the transition to high school and attempt to make new friends.

PE

This half term we'll be doing dance and invasion games. Your child will need a **fully-labelled** PE kit – including correct footwear – in school for these days in order to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up during PE.

Important Dates this half term:

SATs meeting – Mon 21st January.

Parents' Evening – Mon 11th and Tues 12th February

Break up for Half Term – Friday 15th February



Y6 SATs – Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May

We will be having a SATs meeting on Mon 21st January, at 6pm, to discuss the upcoming tests, what we are doing academically here and what you can do to help/support your child in the run up to SATs week.

The SATs results will directly affect your child's targets and projected results at the end of KS3 and KS4 and therefore we want to ensure that they are in the best position to achieve their potential. We will be working with them on their own individual target areas and will continue to put interventions/additional focused group work in place wherever necessary. We will continually assess the impact of these and alter them regularly, based on summative and formative results. You can help us by ensuring your child is in school on time for any pre-school interventions.

The school day will not only be focussed on the subjects in the SATs tests, there will be a rounded curriculum, where possible, in order that your child accesses all subjects and activities.

I recommend that you look at Amazon for revision texts and practice papers. I particularly recommend the 'Achieve' series, by Rising Stars.

Please understand, we are not suggesting that your child should be 'cramming' for the SATs and being 'stressed out,' or worried about them, but a little revision once a day will also help them get ready for the additional work at high school.

Finally, we recommend lots of FUN and humour. We will be doing our best to make sure that they enjoy their final year in primary school and remember it for the right reasons.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Mr Clayton, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Kendal.

SATs Dates for your diary:

Monday 13th May – GPS Papers 1 & 2

Tuesday 14th May – Reading Paper

Wednesday 15th May – Maths Papers 1 & 2

Thursday 16th May – Maths Paper 3