

Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome back to year 6 after what was hopefully an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. This is the most important term for Year 6, as it's the last full term before the SATs. Over the next few weeks, we will be starting SATs booster groups for extra focussed work on spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and maths to ensure that the children are comfortable with the nature of the SATs tests.



This term, our topic will be **Life on Earth**, and we will be studying a number of key areas:

- geological time and the dynamic planet Earth
- bacteria and other ancient life forms
- Charles Darwin and evolution

We will be trying to make the Life on Earth theme as cross-curricular as possible, making use of English, maths, art and science links.

Here are a few quick reminders of what your child needs to bring to school:

- PE will be on **Thursdays** (outdoor) and **Fridays** (indoor), so please remember PE kits on these days. Please ensure that outdoor PE kit includes trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Remember that timetables can change, so it would be useful to have PE kits handy throughout the week.
- **Reading** is extremely important and we expect every child to read a little each night. They may choose a book from school or from home and should record their reading in their reading diaries. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday and we will expect to see at least five entries recorded (including one extended entry). When possible, please hear your child read and make your own comments in their diaries – We cannot stress how important hearing your child read is, even if you are confident of your child's reading ability. Talking about texts unlocks many skills that are very difficult to acquire without discussion.
- **Spellings** will be sent home each week and spelling tests will take place on **Fridays**.
- **Times tables** will be tested on a weekly basis. Please practise these with your child at home as this knowledge will help them in many areas of their maths learning.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support and help,

Mrs M Morgan and Mr K Edwards