

Year 6 Spring Term



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what looks like a very chilly term! As it looks as though the colder weather is here for the foreseeable future, could we ask that children come to school in appropriate clothing (coats, hats, scarves and gloves), including suitable footwear.

The Spring Term is the shortest in the academic year, so the children will have a busy few weeks ahead of them! Our new topic for this term is 'Ancient Britain'. We will be looking at life in Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain, before moving onto the invasion of the Roman Empire. This will include research around the Celtic warrior queen, Boudicca, and her uprising against the Roman settlers in Britain.

During DT, the children will be designing and making their own soup recipe, as well as a clay pot (to hold their soup, if all goes well!). The Art focus will be observational drawing. Electricity is our new Science topic and we will be comparing different circuits, enabling children to explain why some circuits work and some do not. We will continue our work with Spanish this term, and become web-designers in Computing - as this involves using the internet and creating blogs, there will be an emphasis on e-safety throughout this topic. In Music, the children will be learning how to play the recorder - or if they already can, improving their skills! Pupils are free to bring in their own recorder if they wish, though school will provide sterilised recorders for the sole use of your child throughout the term. Our focus in RE will be the Sikh faith and understanding key beliefs of Sikh culture.

The children will have their indoor P.E. lesson on **Tuesday afternoons**. Can we remind you that they will need to have **black / navy blue shorts and a white top** for this. Outdoor games sessions will be on **Friday morning**; the children will need **socks and trainers**, as well as a **warm sweatshirt and jogging bottoms** - maybe even hat and gloves, at least until the weather improves! We can *occasionally* provide spare kit, though our supplies are limited. Please ensure all kit is named.

During this term, all Year 6 children will be working very hard with the staff to prepare for the statutory testing, which will take place after Easter, during the week beginning Monday 8th May. Therefore homework will continue to include spellings, regular reading and times tables facts (where appropriate), but will now incorporate Maths, Grammar & Punctuation and Reading work to reinforce skills learnt in school. Thank you for your continued support with the various homework projects; we are beginning to see very positive results for those children who are working hard at home as well as at school - keep it up, Year 6!

Parents Evenings are planned for 28th and 30th March, but as ever, if you have any questions concerning your child at school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

The Year 6 Team