

YEAR 6 SPRING 1

Year group message

Welcome back and happy New Year. We hope you and the children are well rested and ready for another fun and exciting term.

We start the Spring term with our topic and literacy focus based around 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes'. At the start of the term we had our 'hook' morning to get them started and thinking about the key concepts that come out of the genre.

Year 6 Team

Zebras: Miss Spencer (Year Leader)

Meerkats: Mr Griffiths

Lions: Miss Harding & Mrs Jansen

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs MacCallum, Miss Hopkins & Mrs Richmond

Miss Kavanagh (Maths)

Mrs Parkes (Fridays)

Homework

Children should complete all homework weekly. The homework will be given out every Wednesday and is expected in the following Monday. We encourage parents to help make sure that children complete all homework and to make sure that it is completed on time. This will not only help with their ongoing learning in class but will also help with their preparation for secondary school.

Maths

The children will be required to complete times tables practice every week using, 'Times Tables Rockstars' and they will also be given addition times tables homework every other week. We will be testing their progress each week in class using, 'Big Maths Beat That'.

Reading

Children should be reading either a book from the library, a book from the Year 6 area or a classroom book. The Reading Log should be completed after each reading session at home, as per last year, and the children should record their reading reflection. Please can parents sign the log on the relative day. The children will also be entered into a draw to win a book from the Reading Chest.

Spellings

The children will be given a set of spellings each half term to learn, which need to be practised every week. There are lots of helpful activities to support with this in the spelling activities booklet. They will be tested at the end of the half term.

Last half term we ran an incentive for all those children who completed all homework given in on time every week. Those that handed in all their homework over the last 4 weeks of term were given the opportunity to watch a movie accompanied with popcorn and a drink. We are doing the same again this term; starting from week beginning 15.1.18 through to week beginning 5th February (4 weeks). The reward will be given in the final week of the half term. If the children complete three out of the four weeks then they will be given a partial reward. The teachers will determine what the reward will be this half term.

Dates:

Share my learning 6/02/18 – 3.20pm

Share my learning 8/02/18 – 8.45am – 9.15am

PE & Games

All three classes will have Indoor PE on a Thursday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday

Please ensure that all children have a white coloured T'shirt or plain coloured T'shirt representing their house colour and black shorts. NO FOOTBALL SHIRTS are permitted to be worn.

It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as some lessons are outdoors. Long hair must be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they must be taped.

Curriculum

Sherlock Holmes (Literacy)

We will be working on different areas in literacy that have come out of the short stories, these include:

- Understanding the features of narrative writing within the Sherlock Holmes stories
- Character analysis and descriptions
- Understanding the importance of dialogue within narrative and how to use it effectively
- Writing in the style of Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle
- We will also be completing some P4C sessions linked to these concepts.

Reading

We will be using Sherlock Holmes stories to help us with our skills when reading fiction and we will also be looking at different non-fiction texts and focusing on retrieval, inference, summarising and word meaning skills.

Maths

We are focusing on the following key areas: Mixed operations word problems, algebra, fractions, percentages and decimals.

Art

We will be completing mixed media (oil pastels, charcoal and water colours) artwork based on 'Moody Skies'.

Science

We will be looking at the study of light which will include focusing on the anatomy of the eye.

RE

Our unit this half term will be looking at the story of 'creation'.

Thank you for all of your support.

The Year 6 Team

Miss Spencer, Mr Griffiths, Miss Harding and Mrs Jansen