

YEAR 6 SPRING

Year group message

The last half term proved to be a great opportunity for the children to get their 'sleuth' hats on and they proved to be excellent detectives! Also producing some fantastic writing pieces based on the style of Arthur Conan-Doyle.

We start the next half term with a new topic, 'Livin' Like a Maya'.

This is a brand new topic which the teachers, and hopefully the children, are looking forward to learning about.

Year 6 Team

Zebras: Miss Spencer (Year Leader)

Meerkats: Mr Griffiths

Lions: Miss Harding & Mrs Jansen

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs MacCallum, Miss Hopkins & Mrs Richmond

Mrs Kavanagh (Maths)

Mrs Parkes (Fridays)

Curriculum

The Arrival (Writing and Reading)

We will be working on different areas in literacy that have come out of the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, these will include reading skills, such as; predictions, inference and retrieval. We will also be looking at progressing our narrative writing skills, building on from our work on Sherlock Holmes alongside diary and letter writing skills building on from the Autumn Term's War Diary work.

Topic – Livin' Like Maya

The first week back after the half term break, we will be focusing on our Mayan topic. Our hook will form part of the week which will include the Mayan workshop from a visiting company and we will also be looking at Mayan art.

Throughout the rest of the term we will be looking at the Mayans in a range of ways:

- Religion
- Food
- Decline and fall
- Mayan writing
- The Mayan number system
- Mayan sport
- Geographical location and features

Maths

We are focusing on the following key areas: fractions, percentages and decimals. We will also be continuing to look at key skills and arithmetic.

Parents Meetings

During the meeting with your child's class teacher, we will be discussing individual targets and predictions in the key areas relating to SATs – Maths, Reading and SPaG – we would encourage you to make an appointment as we would like to see as many parents as possible.

Dates for your diary

- w/b 19.2.18 Assessment week – Reading, SPaG and Maths
- 22nd and 23rd Feb Mayan Workshop
- 1st March World Book Day
- 13th March Easter Experience @ St James' Church
- w/b 26.3.18 Mock SATs week – Reading, SPaG and Maths
- 29th March Livin' Like a Maya outcome – parents invited for sharing of topic work and writing produced as well as hot chocolate and tortilla wraps!

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' – the children will now be recording their weekly scores for Beat That and Arithmetic for you to see their progress.

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 and the children need to be learning them 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 half term; starting from week beginning 5.3.18 through to week beginning 26.3.18 (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 be given a partial reward. The teachers will determine what the reward will be this half term.

Thank you for all of your support.

The Year 6 Team

Miss Spencer, Mr Griffiths, Miss Harding and Mrs Jansen