



Y6 Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 6 Team would like to give everyone a warm welcome back after the holidays and wish everyone a Happy New Year! This Half Class 6 are exploring the topic of the 'Evolution' and will be making links in English, Science and Art with this subject. Through this topic, children will learn that living things have changed over time. They will learn to recognise that living things produce offspring, and that normally these offspring are not identical to their parents. They will see how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways – and that adaptation may lead to evolution. We will also complete in-depth studies of specific animals and learn about theorists such as Charles Darwin.

This term in English, we will be studying the modern classic "Skellig" by David Almond. Through studying this novel the children will develop a deep understanding of the story, characters, themes and language. We will be covering vital SATs skills such as reading, including fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, and meaningful writing, for a range of form, purpose and audience.

This term the maths curriculum will be revisiting and building on children's knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and their relationship to one another. We will be also be covering measurements (including conversion of metric units) and solving problems through reasoning. In addition to this will be introducing children to the concepts of ratio, proportion and algebra. We encourage children to continue to hone their timetables knowledge using Times Table Rockstars as much as possible because a secure knowledge of these facts assists across the Year 6 maths curriculum.

Our PE Day is Friday – the children will have a double session in the afternoon. **It is vital your child has the correct PE kit on this day.** If your child is missing their PE kit we will call to request delivery before the start of the lessons.

Y6 SATs 2022

SATs is a term people use to refer to the End of Primary (Keys Stage 2) Assessments. It will last for four days in May 2022 and unless otherwise stated will go ahead on the following days:

Monday 9th May – Spelling Punctuation and Grammar

Tuesday 10th May – Reading

Wednesday 11th May – Maths Paper 1 & 2

Thursday 12th May – Maths Paper 3

How can I support my child in preparing for their SATs?

Firstly a positive attitude goes a long way – so as much encouragement and support as possible. Ensure your child is eating and drinking and give them plenty of opportunities to go outside and avoid overuse of screens. Try to provide a quiet corner of the house for homework and study that's free from distractions as much as possible.

We are planning a 'SATs booster Breakfast Club' commencing this term (Spring). More details to follow. If you have any questions at all please email me DEdwards@firbeck.org.uk or send me a message on Class Dojo.

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