



## Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to give everyone a warm welcome back after Half Term and hope everyone is well rested for the run up to Easter!

This Half Term, Class 6 are exploring the topic of the 'Maps' and in particular map skills and mapping our local areas. Through this topic, children will learn how to use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. We will also be using the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.

### English

This term in English, we will be studying the classic poem "The Lady of Shalott." Originally published in 1832, Tennyson's romantic narrative is one of the best-known and most beloved poems in the English language. To support your child please encouraged them to do some independent reading/research around the legend of King Arthur as this knowledge would be beneficial when creating their own settings and characters in this fictional world.

### Maths

This term the maths curriculum will cover ratio, algebra and we will be revisiting and building on the children's knowledge of geometry, shape, and statistics as well as solving real life problems in a number of contexts. In addition to this will be boosting children in all areas of mathematics as we approach end of Primary School Year 6 assessments and prepare the children for Secondary School in September. We encourage children to continue to embed 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.

### Reminders

PE will be Friday afternoons. Please ensure sure your child has outdoor trainers and warm clothes because we will be outside as much as possible weather permitting. We would really like the children to read at everyday (either independently or to an adult). We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children with prizes. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day, once we return, so that adults in school can also hear them read.

### SATS Dates – Please ensure your child is in school on the following days for these statutory assessments:

<b>Monday 9 May 2022</b>	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
<b>Tuesday 10 May 2022</b>	English reading
<b>Wednesday 11 May 2022</b>	Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
<b>Thursday 12 May 2022</b>	Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Y6 are working very hard in preparation for these important assessments and we are continually assessing the children in the run up to SATs. We will be offering more 1 to 1 tuition during a breakfast club (before the school day) in the coming weeks as we build up to SATs. If we feel your child would benefit from this extra provision I will call you directly to discuss your child's availability for these sessions.

If you have any questions at all do not hesitate to email me. My email address in [DEdwards@firbeck.org.uk](mailto:DEdwards@firbeck.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Mr Edwards