

Year 6 Newsletter - Spring Term

Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed the winter holiday and are excited to be back in school for the new year.

Spring term

This term, we will be **learning all about North and South America**, looking at the geography of these two continents including looking into the Amazon rainforest and sustainability. We will be using map skills to learn about the geography of the continents and our research skills to find out more about the countries. We will be taking part in workshops looking at a variety of things to do with North and South America including the layers of the rainforest and the Mexican celebration Dia de los Muertos!



Home-school diaries

We are incredibly impressed by the children who have been consistently bringing their home school diaries into school each day! They are important to record home learning and contain lots of useful information to help support your child's learning at home. Please help your child to bring their diary to school each day and there will be rewards for both consistent home learning and extra home learning done with the **home learning grid**. We are excited to see what your child can do at home!

P.E.

Our P.E. day is **Thursday (Class 13)** and **Thursday (Class 14)** every week this half term. On these days, **please send your child to school wearing a suitable P.E. kit**. In the colder winter weather, they will need trainers or plimsolls, jogging bottoms/loose shorts, a t-shirt and a jumper. Children should not wear crop tops or footwear that is not suitable for sporting activities e.g. flip flops. On P.E. days we ask that earrings are removed if possible.

Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle every day. Their bottles must only have water in them to drink during the day.

Reading books

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book of their choice. When they have finished it, they simply need to let an adult know to change it. **Your child should read at least three times a week** and this should be **recorded in the home school diary**. Year 6 children can fill in how many pages they have read of their book themselves if they wish or adults at home can fill it in - it is up to you! It could be nice to have a mixture of independent reading and reading to an adult, but do whichever works for you. In class we keep a record of home reading and children will receive a prize and a certificate every half term for reading three times a week.

Homework

Spellings will be sent home every Monday to learn at home for a test in school on Friday. Please help your child to practise these everyday using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' sheet. Your child will receive a raffle ticket for returning this completed on a Friday. **Maths homework will be sent home on Thursdays** and if brought back on Friday, your child would also receive a raffle ticket. If your child has not completed their minimum home learning for the week, they will need to stay in for part of their Friday break time to catch up on this. There will also be opportunities during lunchtimes for your child to complete their home learning tasks and read to an adult.

Many thanks,
Miss Warren and Mr Graham 😊