

Welcome to Class 6

Spring term 2012

Dear Parents / Carers



Your children have had a fabulous first few days back and are showing that they are ready for the demands of the Spring term.

Keep it up Class 6!

Over the next term our two themed learning will be centred around "Blitz and Blasts" (until February half term) and "Good for growth" (until Easter break). Most subject areas are taught through these themes, however there are distinct sessions for: PE, Personal and Social development, times tables and RE. The term will be enhanced by a trip to the e-learning centre, a theatre visit and cricket skills lessons.

In Science we are learning about reversible and irreversible changes in solids and liquids. The children will explore the concept of melting and dissolving and the effects they have on the materials. This will involve plenty of practical activities and the children will work in groups to carry out observations and devise fair tests for investigations.

We will also be carrying out an in depth study of the Second World War, looking at significant events and examining the character of some of the important world leaders at the time. We will look at how the war affected the lives of ordinary people in Britain and the rest of the world. The children will be encouraged to interpret and analyse historical sources and they will develop their research skills, using books and I.C.T to find and gather information. At the end of the half term, they will carry out small group presentations on one aspect of the theme using I.C.T and role play.

The children will also enjoy plenty of art work: studying the artwork of artists who used their skills to capture and immortalise scenes from war; and recreating some of the art using similar styles. As well as producing sketches of artefacts, they will use collage, chalk and paint to present their work.

Some important days to remember:

All children have now received: themed homework pack, a maths revision book, multiplication packs, some mental maths packs and a reading bookmark. Please could you ensure the revision material alongside their homework diary is returned to school every day as they will be used at various times during the week.

Monday	Mental Maths test
Tuesday	PE
Thursday	Times tables test
Friday	PE Homework set (MyMaths online is regularly used for numeracy, please ensure your child has their user name and password)
Thursday	Homework in by this day

Homework will generally be set on a Friday, however now they are in the Spring term they will sometimes be given homework at the end of a literacy, numeracy or science session, to ensure the learning is clearer in their mind.

Some good Websites for supporting your child at home include:

- BBC Revise Wise
- My maths
- Mathletics
- www.counton.org
- www.mathszone.co.uk
- www.woodlandsjuniorschool.co.uk
- http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm



We are generally around school, if not in class at the end of the day and are available to discuss any concerns or celebrations around your child, though sometimes it may be necessary to make a more convenient appointment.

Thank you

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