

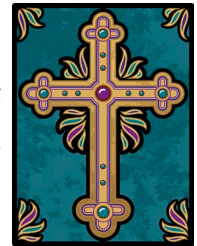
# Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely holiday. Year 6 have begun the academic year very well and are continuing to work towards their SATs in May. We know that with their continued efforts this term, some fantastic progress will be made. This newsletter will keep you informed about what will be happening over the course of this term.

## RE

In RE this term, we will be studying Sikhism as part of our world religion topic. We will look at the beliefs, practices and significant individuals associated with the religion. The children will also be looking at the Easter story and its significance in Christianity. As part of this children will also be taking part in Easter celebrations in school.



## English

In English this term, we will be studying 'Kaspar Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo. Children will use this novel to write their own narrative pieces and information texts about the sinking of the Titanic. The focus of the term will be to ensure children are making ambitious language choices and developing their own writing style using sophisticated grammatical features.

We continue to focus on developing your children's reading skills as we explore the different reading domains and how we can find clues within a text to make plausible inferences. We have timetabled additional reading comprehension lessons which will focus on answering SATs style questions.

Spelling will also remain a key aspect of English this term as we have dedicated time to teaching spelling rules. This will come in handy when children attempt to spell new unfamiliar words.

## Maths

Over the last term the children made good progress in their arithmetic knowledge therefore we will be working on applying these skills to reasoning problems for much of this term. We will continue to develop knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, angles, ratio and Roman Numerals. We will dedicate time in the week to arithmetic to ensure children have the chance to revisit skills they have been taught.

We strongly believe that your child's progress on Times Tables Rock Stars has had a huge impact on their mathematical ability, so we encourage you to continue to support your children to access this resource at home whilst also completing their arithmetic homework.

## P.E

We will be having P.E on a Wednesday and Thursday and therefore your child will need to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Wednesday's PE session will be a formal PE lesson with a focus on gymnastic and dance activities. Thursday's PE will be fitness related with children taking part in the daily mile.



## Topic

In the Spring term children will look study the topic 'Frozen Kingdoms' where children will study the North and South Pole and other polar regions. They will look at the human and physical features of these environments as well as the effects of climate change. Children will study the different animals that inhabit the polar regions and link this with their science topic 'Living things and their Habitats'. In art children will look closely at Inuit art and create their own artwork using recycled materials. Further in the term children will look at electricity in science. During this topic, children will learn about electrical circuits, their components and how they function. They will recognise how the voltage of cells affects the output of a circuit and record circuits using standard symbols. They will also learn about programmable devices, sensors and monitoring. They will combine their learning to design and make programmable home devices.

## Homework

Children's reading books will be changed on Monday and Friday. We expect the children to be reading daily and for a parent/carer to sign their reading record on a Monday and Friday.

As well as their reading books, children will be given weekly spellings and arithmetic homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Thursday.



If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, I am available at the beginning and the end of the school day. I will not, however, be available after school on a Monday as it is our staff meeting. You are also welcome to make an appointment at the school office to see me for more significant issues. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Teacher: Mrs Crosby

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