



Upper Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2017

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school for this very important spring term. The pupils have already demonstrated that they appreciate the importance of this term, especially the children in year six. They are displaying excellent attitudes and it has been very encouraging to see how seriously they are taking their learning. It is pleasing to see so many children arriving at school bright, early and ready to work hard.

Staffing

Year Six	Mr. Cotton	Mrs. Roberts
Year Six	Mr. Garth	
Year Six	Miss Brown (Teacher Trainee)	
Year Six	Mrs. McNally (P/T)	
Year Five	Miss Topping	Miss Gallagher Mrs Shawcross
Year Five	Miss Gilchrist	
Year Five	Mr. Fairclough	

Year 6 Booster Sessions

This year is extremely important for our current Year 6 classes as they face end of key stage SAT tests. Based on last years tests it is clear they will be quite challenging. Therefore, preparation booster sessions will be held every Wednesday for all children in Year 6, from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. We would encourage all children to attend as this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to work intensively with a teacher in very small groups. The sessions allow pupils to prepare for their end of Key Stage Two assessment tasks in May, in a supportive environment. Snacks and refreshments are provided by school. We would like to thank parents in advance for their continued support.

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Home activities

- ☺ SATS Preparation
- ☺ Revise on iPod & iPad
- ☺ Visit the BBC Bite size website
- ☺ Practice Reading and times tables

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Homework and Home Reading

We are continuing to provide children with regular homework each week, which should be completed within seven days. All homework tasks reinforce the learning in class and aim to consolidate the children's understanding. We would urge parents to encourage their child to read every night, for at least 15-20 minutes. We would also like children to try to vary the literature they read, to include: fiction and non-fiction; classic novels and information texts.

PE and Sport

It has been encouraging to see more children remembering to bring their PE kits for each session. We would like to remind parents that children must come to school wearing their school uniforms, bringing their school PE kit in a separate bag. This will allow the children to get changed before and after lessons, promoting health and hygiene when taking part in physical activity.

Year 5 pupils will be working with our sports coach from Liverpool School Sports Partnership, every Tuesday morning until half term.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a fun run on Wednesday 1st February, from 2-3pm. The distance is 2km and we will be using the junior parkrun route in Stanley Park, used at 9am every Sunday morning for 4 – 14 year olds. The fun run will form a part of our desire for each child to walk/run a mile a day, as part of the legacy of the successful Beat the Street competition we took part in last year. This will also be a great opportunity for our pupils to experience the joys and benefits of more physical exercise, and will provide a great training opportunity for pupils wanting to be in the cross country team at the final two events of the year (25th February at Sefton Park and 1st March at Wavertree).

We would like to see as many parents as possible coming along to support and encourage the children around the course, and are looking for volunteers to marshal. If you would like to support the event, please speak to Mr Garth.

School Trips and Visits

The children in year five and six will be taking part in a school trip this term, which will be planned to enhance their learning in an area that they will be studying during this term. We will inform parents/carers of the venue, date, times and cost nearer the time.

Spring Subjects and Topics

Come and See

- ♦ Local Church – Community
- ♦ Eucharist – Relating
- ♦ Lent/Easter – Giving



Literacy

Year 6:

- ♦ Balanced arguments and persuasive writing
- ♦ Stories with flashbacks and time slips

Year 5:

- ♦ Recounts
- ♦ Stories from other Cultures

Maths

Year 6:

- ◆ Fraction, Decimals and Percentages
- ◆ Measurement
- ◆ Algebra and Ratio
- ◆ Geometry and Statistics

Year 5:

- ◆ Four operations
- ◆ Fractions, decimals & percentages

Science

Year 6

- ◆ Animals including Humans

Year 5

- ◆ Forces

Geography and History

Geography (Y5)

- ◆ Rainforests

History (Y6)

- ◆ WW2

Gymnastics and Dance

After a successful term of swimming, year five pupils are now taking gymnastics lessons each week, with our sports coach. During their gymnastics topic, pupils will focus on group, paired and individual work, creating and performing routines, which will incorporate: rolls, jumps, balances and apparatus.

The children will also be continuing dance lessons, with Adele, every Friday. Dance topics link in with the topic work which children work on in the classroom, allowing the pupils to express what they learn through movement and dance.

Music

Music lessons continue this term, with the children listening to and appraising different songs. They will also learn about the dimensions of music through playing instruments, basic composing and improvisation. Mrs. Hardwick leads each session and each lesson allows the children the opportunity to perform and share their work.

Spanish

Spanish continues with our new Spanish teacher, Gina this term and the children will build upon their previous knowledge of the Spanish language and will be developing an extended vocabulary of useful everyday phrases.



Reports to Parents

You will have a chance to discuss your child's progress to date and their future targets after the half-term break.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating 20 years of World Book Day. It will be held on Thursday 2nd March. We ask that the children bring their favourite book in on the day to share with the class. Please log on to www.worldbookday.com for a selection of ideas and activities to celebrate.



Dates for you Diary

Y6 Booster Sessions: Wednesday 11th January – 3rd May 2017

Professor Fluffy: Wednesday 11th January 2017

Year 5 Bikeability: 24th and 31st January 2017 (information to follow)

Equality and Diversity Week—6th - 10th February

February Half Term: Monday 20th – Friday 25th February 2017

Easter: Friday 14th April (Good Friday) – 21st April 2017



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