

Spring Term 2016

Watling Street School

Welcome to the SpringTerm in Year 6
This term we will be learning all about:

English

This term we will be reading a variety of different writing genres, both fiction and non-fiction and using our developing skills to compose our own writing based on these styles. We will also be improving comprehension skills through regular comprehension exercises as we lead up to the SATs at the start of next term.

Mathematics

As well as revisiting the topics from last term we will also have an introduction to basic algebra, complete work on statistics and explore ratio and proportion. All of these topics will be completed by practising and then applying skills learned in problem solving contexts.

Science

Our topic this term is Classifying Living Things, which includes understanding the Classification System for living things and being able to use keys to identify unknown plants and animals. We will also be conducting an investigation into how micro-organisms develop in different conditions.

Computing

We will be using LOGO to develop our programming skills. We will also be continuing to plan our end of year project entitled 'Memories'

RE

Values : what matters most? Exploring right and wrong with Christians and Humanists.

Cornerstones

'A Child at War' - discovering how the war impacted on children. Completing lessons involving Geography, History, Art and DT. We may even get a chance to make our own war-time jam!

Music

We will be continuing to take part in Rock It lessons with Mr Bough .

PE

Gymnastics and Outdoor Games

MFL

Everyday French terms, songs, phrases ready to use in our own writing next term.

Important Information for Year 6

Thank You

Thank you all so much for your kind cards, gifts and best wishes at Christmas from myself, Mrs Clift and Mrs Gibson. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a belated Happy New Year.

PE

P.E kits should remain in school all week. And will be sent home at half term for washing.

Reading Books

Reading books need to be brought into school daily. We do expect your child to be reading regularly at home and answering the comprehension questions provided. This not only helps to improve their reading and comprehension skills but their writing too.

Uniform

Please ensure that all personal belongings, especially jumpers and coats, continue to be named.

Study Books

Early this half term your child will be bringing home some Year 6 SATs Study Books. These are for reference only and not to be written in. They will help when your child is completing homework tasks or if they wish to do some extra practise on an area that they feel they need to improve. They help to explain some of the terminology that is now used, especially in grammar. We may also set tasks for the children to complete using these study guides. Each book will need to be returned to school once the SATs are over.

Homework

Homework is sent home every week—a Maths task and an English task. Completing this homework regularly, especially with your support, will really help to consolidate the learning that has happened within school.

Maths Focus

Ours Maths homework this term continues to be developing times tables quick recall skills and to be able to identify the related division facts in order to improve calculation skills. As a class, we are already very good at the times tables and are now working on becoming even quicker.

Spellings

Spellings continue to be given out each Monday and the spelling test will be on the following Monday. These will be related to a spelling pattern or rule that we have worked on.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 13th January— Family Lunch

Tuesday 24th January —Rock It Concert

Monday 30th January—Dress as a 'Child At War' to start our Cornerstones Topic

Tuesday 7th February —Safer Internet Day

Friday 17th February—Non-Uniform Day 'Disney' / Break up for Half-Term

Tuesday 28th February—School Re-opens

Wednesday 5th April—Easter Display

Friday 7th April—Non-Uniform Day 'Bad Hair' / Break Up for Easter

Monday 24th April—School Re-opens

Monday 8th May—Year 6 SATs Week

Autumn Term Highlights—Fabulous Costumes for our Roald Dahl Day



Year 6 Staff

Class teacher—Miss J Conway

Classroom Assistants—Mrs K Clift and Mrs M Gibson

If you have any concerns at all then please do not hesitate to come and see me. I am always available at the end of the school day or an appointment can be booked through the school office.