



Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 6

Spring 2nd Half Term: February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half-term. Our focus will very much be on preparing the children for their SATs in May.

In English we begin by looking at **The Highwayman** by Alfred Noyes. The children will have the opportunity to look in depth at the poem as well as using it as a basis for their own writing. Spelling, punctuation and grammar is an integral part of the children's writing, so we will spend more time focusing on these areas, much of this will form the children's English home learning activities. It is important that the children have a secure knowledge of the vocabulary linked to grammar, spelling and punctuation and their definitions, so please encourage them to spend time reading through the study guides. Handwriting is also an important skill that the children need to be practising on a regular basis. It is absolutely essential that their writing is legible so that their work can be fully appreciated and marked correctly.

In addition, we will continue with our weekly reading comprehension lessons, encouraging the children to use their skills of inference and deduction. The children can also complete reading tests linked to the books they have read using the accelerated reader programme. I am more than happy for them to do this in the classroom before school, or during their break times.

In Maths, we will be consolidating and learning about Statistics (averages, pie charts, line graphs, conversion line graphs), Geometry, Position and Direction (co-ordinates, translating shapes, calculating missing angles) as well as problem solving and using simple formulae. We will also be devoting time to weekly Arithmetic sessions to support the children with the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

In Science, the children will build on their knowledge of living things and how they are adapted to particular environments. We will learn about how inherited characteristics are passed on from parents to offspring and that environmental variables also affect how organisms look and behave. We will also explore how flowering plants reproduce.

We will continue in school, to prepare the children for their SATs, so it would be greatly appreciated if you could do the same at home and encourage them to use their study guides and revision websites to support their school work and their home learning tasks. There will be a meeting at school on Wednesday March 13th at 2.30pm about the KS2 SATs, how they are administered and how best to support your children.

As well as all of this hard work, the children are busy rehearsing with Mrs. Lyn Reynolds for their performance at the **Barnet Schools Dance Festival** at the Arts Depot on Friday 8th March. Rehearsals are going really well and the children are very excited so please come along and support them.

A little reminder.... could you please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. Could we also ask that you make sure that they have the necessary equipment to complete their school work e.g. handwriting pen, pencil, coloured pencils etc. Thank you.

Home learning for this term is as follows:

- Daily reading for around 15 - 20 minutes each day
- Times tables practise, SATs revision
- Monday: Topic Task (as needed).
- Tuesday: Maths (RM easimaths/TT Rockstars/an activity/worksheet task) usually completed by Thursday
- Wednesday: English (grammar/comprehension/ task) usually completed by Friday
- Wednesday: Spelling list for a test on the following Wednesday.

Class teacher: Mrs. Susan Kelly

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