

Useful Information

READING: Children will continue to collect their Reading Star Stamps. We will be cashing these in with a big play session later in the term.

HOMEWORK: In preparation for the Year 6 SATs, Reading, Maths and SPaG 'SATs Busters' will continue to be sent home for the children to complete.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Homework pack over Easter.

SPELLINGS: Weekly class spelling rules will continue to be sent home on Wednesdays and tested on the following Tuesday. Look below for some fun ways to learn your spellings:

Rainbow Write – First write each word in pencil. Then trace over each word three times. Each time you trace, you must use a different colour pencil.

Silly Sentences – Write silly sentences using a spelling word in each sentence. Underline your spellings.

Backwards words – Write your spelling words forwards and then backwards. Example: where / erehw

Colourful Words – Write each of your spelling words. Write each letter using a different coloured pencil.

Across and Down – Write each word across and down, sharing the beginning letter.

Important Reminders:

- KS2 SATs—Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May.
- We look forward to seeing your child at 8:20am during SATs week for our free, hearty SATs breakfast. Further details to follow.
- Isle of Wight trip: Friday 18th May to Monday 21st May.
- Please make sure that the office has all the required paperwork/medicines for the Isle of Wight trip.
- Please remember that those children not going on the residential will have a range of fun activities planned for them at school.



Joy Lane Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Terms 5 & 6

This booklet gives a brief outline of our teaching and learning programme for Terms 5 and 6, as well as other key information you may find useful.

Who's Who in Year 6?

Banksy

Dr Manson
Teacher

Bailey

Mr Rogers
Teacher
Year 5/6 Phase Leader

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Bedwell
Mrs Barton
Miss Gray





Year 6 Learning Themes

English:

After completing a short story unit based on the chilling animation, *Alma*, we will be basing our English sessions on Michael Morpurgo's book, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, which is a favourite in Year 6. This unit will include the development of persuasive and descriptive writing, as well as reinforcing our skills of building tension. Knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation is taught throughout the week.



Later on, however, we will be focusing on the skills of Speaking and Listening and Drama as we rehearse our end of year production.

Mathematics:

In the build-up to the SATs tests, we will be practising and consolidating all aspects of the Maths curriculum. We have appreciated your support with the children's homework, and we feel it has made a huge impact on their learning. Mental arithmetic is a key element of the Maths curriculum and is practised in every lesson. As part of the development of this, children participate in a times table test every week and are therefore encouraged to practise these at home.



Science:

In Term 5, we will begin our *Electricity* unit where we will be focusing on simple circuits; circuit diagrams and symbols; and using and applying knowledge of circuits to solve problems, such as how to wire a house so lights do not go out when one switch is opened. Also, we will investigate how to make lights brighter or dimmer and how to silence those buzzers!

During Term 6, we will be exploring *Green Plants*. This will include a focus on parts of the flower head and the life cycle of a plant.



History:



To round off our work on World War Two, children will be encouraged to gather evidence and research to enable them to participate fully in our upcoming project based on 'Kent in the War'. Further details will follow shortly.

Religious Education:

Over the next two terms, we will be studying *Sikhism*, looking at celebrations and holy days; the history of the Sikh community; important locations for Sikhs; and how Sikh beliefs affect daily life.



Geography:

The children will study individual mountains and mountain ranges, including their physical features, key vocabulary to describe them and what it is like to live on or near a mountain. Cross-curricular links will be made with our English work on *Kensuke's Kingdom*, with children producing a travel brochure and survival guide based on the locations visited in the novel.



PE Lessons



Outdoor PE will generally take place on a Tuesday afternoon and will focus on Kwik Cricket and Athletics. However, sometimes timetable restraints force us to change the day at short notice so please ensure your child has the appropriate kit in school at all times—during the summer term, we are also known to enjoy an impromptu sports lesson!