

## Year 6 Newsletter

January 2017

The term is progressing well and the children are working hard on their learning. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 team

Mrs Dean, Miss Heagren, Miss Capes, Mrs Meads and Mrs Sellar

### Advance Warning

#### SATs week

*Monday 8th May 2017—Friday 12th May  
2017*

It is very important that the children are in school and on time during this week.

### Homework

We are very proud of the children for completing their homework on time and to a very high standard. Thank you for your support with the changes that have been put in to place regarding homework.

Please can we remind you to listen to your child read and record in their homework diaries.

Brainbuilders this term is titled 'Water' - we look forward to seeing the projects the children create.

(Due in: Monday 6th February 2017)

Well done Year 6 and keep up the hard work.



### PE

Year 6 have PE every Friday. Please can parents ensure that children have their PE kits in school in a named bag. Tracksuits are advisable due to the unpredictable and colder weather.

### Bronze Party

Well done to Crimson Class for earning their BRONZE PARTY: They enjoyed a DVD and crisp treat.



### Polite reminder:

As per school policy, children may consume *fresh* fruit/vegetables as a break time snack. Also, hair accessories should be purposeful, small and subtle

### Term 3 Curriculum

**Literacy:** Journey to the River Sea

**Maths:** Problem solving, shape, properties of number

**Science:** Evolution and inheritance

**Geography:** Water

**DT:** Toys powered by water

**Music:** Jazz



### Arethusa

The school residential has been booked and the Year 6 team are busy making the arrangements for this. Please remember to send in your deposits to secure your child's place on this trip. If letters have been lost, please ask in the school office for another one.



### Thank you!

The Year 6 team would like to say a big thank you for your kind and thoughtful gifts at Christmas.

We all hope you had a lovely Christmas and a good New Year.



### Top 10 tips for Year 6 parents

1. Read with your child. Discuss the meaning of the text. Talk about why the character has acted in a particular way. Do they like the book? Why or why not? Talk about what you are reading as well (if appropriate).
2. Keep practising times tables at any available time - in the queue at the supermarket, in a traffic jam etc. Also practise division facts from the times tables e.g.  $2 \times 5 = 10$  so  $10 \div 2 = 5$ , then move onto decimal facts e.g.  $0.2 \times 7 = 1.4$ .
3. Practise using maths in real-life situations e.g. reading timetables, money (how much change will you get?), telling the time with analogue as well as digital clocks, converting from 12 hour to 24 hour time and working out the duration of events.
4. Make sure your child goes to sleep at a reasonable time. Year 6 is a very challenging year; your child will have a much better chance of grasping difficult concepts if they arrive at school well-rested.
5. [www.bbc.co.uk/revisewise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/revisewise) has activities and information for revising maths and English.
6. Encourage your child to become more independent - they will need to be next year. Help them to develop strategies for making sure they have everything they need at school rather than packing their bag for them.
7. Monitor their homework; make sure they hand it in on time. If your child has not understood what they need to do and you are unsure how best to explain, get them to ask the teacher as soon as possible.
8. To develop speaking and listening skills, encourage your child to explain things to you as clearly as possible. Question their explanation. If necessary give them a few minutes to mentally prepare. This could also apply to skills of persuasion or instructions. Only let your child watch that special TV program if they can successfully persuade you using good persuasive language and reasoning in the time limit set!
9. Ask general knowledge questions such as countries and their capitals, or basic scientific facts/vocabulary. Does your child know the location of major countries? What language do they speak there?
10. As they become more independent, many Year 6 children begin to walk to school on their own. This is a good time to revise road safety strategies.