



Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back - I hope that you all managed to have a wonderful Christmas break. The children have all seemed to settle back in to school well.

Curriculum Subjects

Over the course of this term your child will be exposed to a broad and engaging curriculum.

In history this term, the children will be learning all about World War Two. Each and every year this topic proves to be very popular with the children as they learn all about why the war started, what happened throughout it and how it impacted different aspects of people's daily lives.

Our new science topics are ***living things and their habitats*** and ***evolution and inheritance***. Over the course of this term the children will learn all about classification, the kingdoms of life, adaptations, fossils, genetic modification, and much more! You will find the knowledge organisers for these topics attached to the back of this newsletter.

The children have enjoyed the new structure of our PSHE lessons using Jigsaw. PSHE this term will continue to be delivered in this way and our topics will be 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.

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Physical Education

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday and Thursday. The children should be taking their PE kits home at each half term at the minimum in order for them to be washed. Please ensure that your child's PE kit includes a range of clothing as the lessons could take place indoors or outdoors.

During this half term, the children will also be going swimming at Cocks Moors Leisure Centre. The children will be having a 45-minute session every day for a duration of 2 weeks to help them learn to swim or increase their swimming confidence. This will take place from **Monday 2nd February**. Your child will need to ensure that they bring appropriate swimming costumes, have their hair tied back if it is long enough to do so and not wear any jewellery. Tights will not be permitted in school during these two weeks as the children will need to remove socks and shoes to enter the poolside and tights will make this difficult.

Homework

Your child will continue to receive homework on a Friday and this will be due back in on the following Wednesday. Homework will consist of both online and offline homework. The homework given out will be consolidation of their learning and all children should therefore be able to complete. As well as completing the homework that is provided, your child should be encouraged to practise the following skills daily:

- Multiplication facts (times tables) using TTRS
- Number bonds
- Reading
- Spellings
- Handwriting

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It is very important that your child completes their homework and revision of other skills as these skills can play a vital role in helping them to make progress. Times Tables Rock Stars is a website that the children are all familiar with and should be using regularly to improve their fluency.

Other Reminders

All children should have a water bottle in school which should be taken home daily to be washed out. It is very important that your child stays hydrated.

Everything that your child brings in to school should be clearly named (including their uniform). This makes the process of lost items being returned to the right owner easier and a lot smoother.

SATs

You will probably already be aware that this year is a very important year for your child as it is their last year before they transition on to secondary school and they will be sitting their SATs. SATs will take place between **Monday 11th May** and **Thursday 14th May**. It is very important that your child is attending school every day, and on time, so that they do not miss any of the vital learning that will take place working towards these tests.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Edwards and Mrs Johnson

Year 6