

Year Six News Spring Term 2016



Literacy



This term the class will be producing written work in a variety of styles. This will include letter writing, stories, diary, debate and persuasive writing. The children's written work is assessed throughout the year, there is no separate SATS Writing Test.

The class will be doing a variety of comprehension style exercises and will be having practice SATS papers to do for homework. The children will also have a Grammar test as part of their SATS, therefore the children will be working on grammar style exercises in class and also at home to help them to prepare for this.

Please encourage your child to read as widely as possible at home and to write in their Journal (comments on the book). Last term we started a book review challenge in Year 6 to promote our school theme 'Reading for Pleasure'. Please continue to encourage your children to write these at home and in school.



Numeracy



There will be an emphasis on problem solving this term. The class will be calculating using all 4 operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will spend lessons every week working on SATS papers to prepare them for the tests. Year 6 will have practice questions and test practice papers for homework; plus on-line work using the programme Mathletics.

Science



In Science the class will be studying living things, their habitats and animals including humans. They will also be beginning to revise all of the science topics covered in KS2 and will be given a book to support them with revision.



Computing

The class will be using Excel in a more advanced way — this will include completing a Maths Investigation on fairgrounds (setting up a business and trying to make a profit).

Homework



Homework will be given more extensively as the term progresses and the children need to prepare for the SATS Tests and moving on to secondary school. The children will be given a Science and Maths Text Book to help with revision — please encourage them to read these at home and engage in independent study.

Also the children are expected to do regular on line Maths Homework using the Mathletics website.

This term all pupils will participate in a Booster programme for SATS preparation—this involves them working in a small group with an adult to prepare for the SATS tests. At this stage every child needs to work to their potential in order to maximise the support they are being given in school— it is essential that work is completed at home to the best of their ability.