



Dates for your diary:

Spring 1

Wed 15th Jan (9am) - PINS parent coffee morning
Mon 20th Jan - Rock and Bot Day
Fri 1st Feb - World Hijab Day
Mon 3rd-Sun 9th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 11th Feb - Safer Internet Day
Safer Internet Parent Workshop (9am)
Thurs 13th Feb – Forest School at Peckham Rye (am)

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb - Half term
Mon 24th Feb - Start of Spring 2

Dear Parents,
Happy New Year to you all!
We have been hugely impressed with the way the children have returned to school after the Christmas break, and we look forward to another important half term of learning. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that the school day starts at 8:45am and we do expect all of the children to be in class at this time.

ENGLISH READING

This half-term, we will be reading 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow. Told in poetic form and through the eyes of a Year 6 child, this powerful story is all about finding your place in the world and the people that matter with in it. We feel that our children will be able to relate to many of the issues that are raised throughout this story.

WRITING

Over the next few weeks, we will be completing our historical fiction pieces before moving onto writing explanation texts about cheetah hunts. Their final piece of writing in both units will be used as part of their end of year writing assessment.

MATHS

Our main areas of focus this half term are:

- Fractions (including comparing fractions, multiplying fractions and dividing fractions by whole numbers)
- Converting percentages to fractions and decimals
- Finding fractions of an amount

You can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum on the school's website.

Please encourage your child to play TTrockstars regularly.

SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised across four of our early morning sessions (from 8:45am - 9.00am) across a two-week cycle. The children will be tested on these words on the Friday of the second week.

Our first focus will be on words that use the 'soft c' to make the 'ce' grapheme.

SCIENCE

This half-term, we will learn about living things, focusing on how animals, plants and organisms can be classified into different groups, and giving reasons for our choices. We will also be planning our own investigations, and learning more about measuring, recording, hypothesising and fair testing.

PE

This half-term, the focus will switch to dance in Indoor PE and football in Outdoor PE. Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lessons:

6T - Wednesdays and Thursdays
6A - Tuesdays and Thursdays

COMPUTING

In computing, we will be exploring what AI is and how it generates text, images and code. We will also consider the ethical implications of AI and its potential to replace human roles at home and in the workplace.

GEOGRAPHY

In geography, we will be exploring renewable and non-renewable energy sources, where they come from and their impact on society, the economy and the environment.

ART

This half term, we will be focusing on drawing. From the Ancient Maya to modern-day street art, we will be exploring how artists convey a message. Exploring imagery, symbols, expressive mark making, and 'chiaroscuro' we will consider audience and impact to create powerful drawings to make our voices heard.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning continues to be an important part of Year 6 as we begin to prepare the children for secondary school:

Maths Home Learning - this is taken home on Fridays and returned on the following Friday.

English Home Learning - this will be alternated between reading and grammar tasks. Each weekly task is set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.

Finally. . .

A huge thank you from us all for your lovely cards and gifts - we really do appreciate your generosity.

If you need to get in contact with us, please do so during school hours only: 8:00am - 6:00pm (Monday - Friday) and we will respond as soon as we can.

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