



Spring term 2023

6LR newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new half which is going to be a very busy one. I hope you and your child enjoyed the half term break and that they are back at school refreshed and ready to learn. During this half term we have a lot to achieve; obviously we have SATs to continue preparing for and this is our main focus but we also have some visitors coming into school for activity sessions as well as continuing with all the other foundation subjects.

Visitors

Next week we welcome Lizzie back with her skipping workshops. 6LR will have a skipping workshop on Wednesday afternoon so should come to school in their PE kit for this session. Later in the term, we welcome James Dasaolu (a GB sprinter) who will be running an exercise session and an assembly for the children.

SATs

We are now starting to work on revising for SATs. We will be having a mock SATs week to ensure that the children experience the formality of the tests and to help them gain confidence prior to the actual week. Our mock week will follow the same format as the actual week.

Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Test	Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation	Reading	Maths paper 1 and 2	Maths paper 3

All tests will be done in the mornings. The mock week starts on Tuesday 21st March and the actual SATs week starts on Tues 9th May.

There is a SATs meeting on Monday 13th March at 2.30. Parents are encouraged to come and find out more details about the SATs week, how to support their child during this week and to have a look at some past papers.

Topic

This term, during our topic lessons, we will be continuing our work on the Mayans, an ancient Central American civilisation. By the end of this term, pupils will be expected to produce a piece of extended writing demonstrating both their writing skills and what they have learnt about the Mayans.



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PE lessons

On Friday afternoons we will be learning how to play Quicksticks (an age appropriate version of hockey) and handball. As this will be outdoors, pupils need to be wearing trainers (not plimsolls) and a tracksuit or sweat shirt is advised, at least until the weather warms up. On Monday before lunch, we will be having our indoor PE lesson which will be gymnastic based.

Homework

Maths and English homework will be set on a Monday and is expected to be handed in on a Friday. Pupils can also attend homework club at school on Tues if they need to in order to complete their work. As there is no topic related homework, pupils are expected to spend more time independently working on their reading, grammar and maths skills. This could be achieved by reading a wider range of texts for an extended period (at least 20-minute blocks) or by spending time on various websites that they are aware of to develop their skills. All pupils should be reading for 30 minutes each evening to develop their fluency skills.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Radcliffe, Mrs Jones, Miss Young.