



Green Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

January 2022

Dear Year 6 Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a busy and enjoyable start to the term already. The children have come back rested and very positive about their learning. We have started exploring our PSHE Theme for this half term, which is 'Learning to learn for the future', and we have already set some personal goals for 2022, considering the steps we could take to achieve these. Next half term, our PSHE Theme will be 'Staying safe'.

Curriculum: Our main topic this term is History based – focussing on World War Two - and the children are very excited to be finding out about all aspects of this period. We will be using the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll in our English lessons to support our history learning and to explore a variety of writing genres - the children are already really enjoying the story. I have been very impressed by their historical knowledge of WW2 so far. It is a great opportunity for the children to talk at home about their own families' experience of life during this time in history and I would love to hear any stories you may wish to share. In Maths, we will be following the National Curriculum and covering a variety of areas including: Fractions, decimals and percentages, and algebra. Further details of the curriculum coverage is provided on the medium term overview.

P.E: We will continue to have PE on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. However, PE kits should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School PE top or a white t shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. During the school day, the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school that they can use for PE lessons. A reminder also that jewellery should not be worn to school, and that earrings should be removed or taped during PE lessons for safety reasons.

Homework: The expectation remains that each week the children will be set some spellings to learn linked to our weekly spelling pattern and a maths task to consolidate the week's learning, prepare for a future lesson or practise some basic calculation skills. Reading will also form a key part of the homework. Please encourage your children to keep reading for pleasure, ideally for at least 10 minutes every day. Read Theory is also a helpful resource to enhance comprehension skills and this will often be a part of our homework in year six. Reading Records should be updated with the books they are reading and the amount of pages they have read. Please can you continue to provide support by ensuring that they have a quiet time put aside for their homework. If children are finding any piece of homework too difficult or they are taking more than the allocated time to complete it, please do not persist. Simply write us a note to let us know.

School Journey to Kingswood – Green Park (Buckinghamshire): As you know the date (**Sunday 12th – Wednesday 15th June 2022**) and venue have all been confirmed and deposits paid. We are keen to encourage you to continue with payments in instalments – ideally on-line. We will let you have other key information shortly including dates for an information meeting and a kit list. The children are very excited and are already asking questions about the activities and organisation of rooms!

SATs: A reminder that the testing week for Year 6 is set nationally and this year will be during the week **Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May 2022**. There will be a reading test and a spelling, punctuation and grammar test and we are supporting the children on this work each week in class. The maths papers will be two reasoning based papers and an arithmetic paper using both mental and written calculations. It is likely that we will be running some booster sessions during and after school this term to help the children feel confident about the test expectations and details of these will come out shortly.

I hope that this information is useful to you. Please feel free to speak to me on the playground after school any day if you have any more questions.

Kind Regards,
Alison Rapson and the Year 6 team.