

# Year 6 Class Newsletter

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## Curriculum information

### Term 4

This term Year 6 will be focusing on preparation for their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. Natural Disasters will continue to be the topic until the end of Term 4.

#### Topic:

Our topic this term is looking at 'Natural Disasters'. The topic work will help the children develop an understanding and awareness of why natural disasters have happened, and the consequences both for the planet Earth and the Human Race. Research skills will be used to find out about significant events which have happened in the past and more recently together with the key factors which led to them occurring. We will also be completing STEM activities such as creating a flood barrier. The children will need to think about the best materials that could be used and from here calculate the 'cost' of the materials needed for their design.



#### Science: Evolution and Inheritance

Children will be learning how to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will learn how to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

#### English

This term, English will be based around our topic but with a particular focus on preparing for SATs—Reading, Writing and SPAG papers. The focus text will be Quake and will involve writing persuasive, balanced argument and narrative texts.

English homework will be given out on a weekly basis and the children will be bringing home new revision books for them to work in. These books need to be in school everyday as they will be used in lessons. Homework day will continue to be Wednesday and collected in the following Wednesday, however, this may vary according to the weekly focus – as sometimes preparation or consolidation is necessary.

There is an expectation that children will read for at least 15 minutes three times a week—this will be checked weekly through the reading records.

**PE lessons** are on a **Thursday**. PE will include two outdoor games sessions—tag rugby and tennis. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that the children always have their kit in school to enable full participation. Please provide a warm track-suit / jogging bottoms for the cold weather. No earrings to be worn in PE.



#### PSHE

We will be joined by Mrs Goatham and Mrs Purves during PSHE this term to look at strategies the children can use to deal with different emotions. Particularly, the children will be considering how they can ensure they have a growth mindset and think in a positive way even when faced with difficult challenges.

#### Important information:

As you are aware, Year 6 is a very important year for your child, both in terms of the forthcoming SATs and in preparation for the transition to secondary school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to ensure that your child achieves the very best that they can this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

#### SATS Dates for the diary

**WE**  
**ENGLISH**  
& **MATHS**

**Maths** will focus on revision of all types of calculation including fractions and decimals. We will also be interpreting and constructing line graphs and bar charts. In addition, the children will be solving time problems involving converting between different units. Opportunities for children to read timetables or wearing and using a watch would be beneficial.

**Maths homework will be sent home on a weekly basis, usually on Wednesday and should be returned the following Wednesday.** This is to support the work the children have been doing in class or extending their understanding of a concept. Children can also have access to mathletics at [mathletics.co.uk](http://mathletics.co.uk)