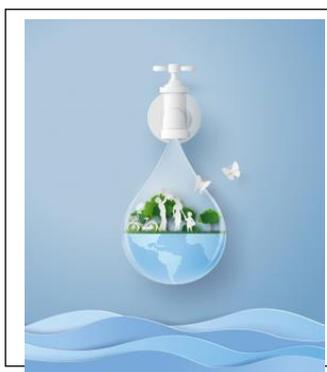




April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter Break and that you are all fit and well. We are looking forward to a term of increasing normality. We plan to do work with our reception buddies, put on an end of year performance, a leavers' ceremony and go to Robin Wood (keep all fingers crossed) as well as all the other exciting learning opportunities that are part and parcel of school life.



Topic

In our topic lessons this term we will be learning about water. We will start by thinking about how much water we consume and then considering conservation. We will also be looking at water sources in our local area and hopefully fit in a trip to the moors to find sources of the becks that feed into the Wharfe.

English

This last term, our class book is called 'Where the World Turns Wild'. It draws on themes we have been revisiting all year including journeys, dystopia, foreboding, fate. It is about a brother and sister who are trapped in a future city, cut off from nature to protect the city from a terrible disease; it even features stick insects! It explores ideas of climate change, friendship, hope and will lead to persuasive speech writing, poetry, descriptive writing and non-chronological reports. If you can get hold of the book for home that will help as your child will need to read some over May half term. If not, I will provide photocopies.

I will send out this half terms Spelling Bee for this half term in addition to the previous terms spellings. We will run a Spelling Bee competition towards the end of term based on these. Please practise these at home with your child.



In Maths this half term, we will focus on decimals, percentages and ratio and revisit four operations along the way. Please remember your child can use the TT Rockstars website (they all have logins) to practise their timetables at home and make use of the 10 minutes CPG Maths tests.



The Science lessons this term, will be finishing our study of light by looking at how to bend light and periscopes. Then we will be looking at electricity. We will recap the work done in year 4 and then build and repair circuits as well as looking at how the technology of circuitry is used in a range of everyday items.

PE will take place every **Thursday** afternoon. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits. Miss Stead will be working with us to practise our rounders skills.

French: The half term will begin with learning adjectives of personal appearance and personality, enabling the children to describe themselves, whilst accurately using the masculine or feminine forms of the adjectives. This topic serves as a perfect platform for the introduction of a vital but irregular verb, 'être - to be' as well as useful modifiers such as 'assez' and 'très'.

Music: Our Music lessons will be used to rehearse songs for our Y6 performance at the end of the year. Lyrics will be posted on Google Classroom for the children to be able to practise at home.

Early Morning Learning: We will continue to meet with every pupil for 1:1 feedback on a rolling basis, during which time pupils will complete daily arithmetic, first news, reading roles and Grammar and Punctuation activities. Additional support will also be planned into our class provision map for those that need it.

Catch Up: Catch up lessons will be happening at 3-3.45 each Tuesday and Thursday. Initially these will focus on areas in maths including: geometry (including angles, shape) and statistics; these are all areas children dropped marks for in the recent reasoning papers.

HOME LEARNING:

- **Writing Challenges:** Three writing challenges will be set to be completed over the course of the term. More to follow soon.
- **Reading Roles:** Please read with your child and also pose them questions and help them to fill out the reading roles sheet posted on Google Classrooms. We will encourage you to use two specific sentence stems which will be explained shortly. You also have access to the CPG books.
- **CPG Maths:** Please complete these at home with your children
- **Book exchange:** Children will select a book on a Monday, keep in school and return it for quarantine on Friday. Books will be returned to book area and new books chosen on the Monday.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Hand Sanitiser and Hand Cream

Part of the school routines include frequent handwashing. In addition to this, children may bring and use their own hand sanitiser. This should be in a named bottle and kept with your child's personal belongings. If your child begins to develop sore hands because of the frequent washing they can have a small bottle of hand cream. Again, this should be named and kept in their school bag.

Finally, if you have any queries or wish to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team: *Peter Timms, Sandy Leach, Charlotte Hunt*

Dates for the Diary:

Y6 performance Monday 12th July

Robin Wood 14th/15th July

Leavers' ceremony Monday 19th July

Enterprise week 5th-9th July

Learning Values this term:

Resilience

Tolerance

Thoughtfulness

Honesty

Humility

Cooperation