

What are we learning this half term?

Welcome to Spring Term 1. We have another busy half term planned with lots of interesting and exciting learning taking place.

In maths we will be focusing on different areas in Years 5 and 6, as our Year 6 children start preparing for SATs. Year 5 will be learning about shape and Year 6 will be learning fractions, decimals and percentages before moving onto shape. In writing, we will be creating recounts and narratives, focusing on speech punctuation and active and passive voice. In reading, we will be reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. We will use this text to help us develop a range of key reading skills.



P.E

In P.E this half term, we will be working on tag rugby and gymnastics and dance. Children will also continue sessions with Junior Jam. On a Wednesday, please ensure your child comes to school in their full **P.E kit, which is a white t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms/ leggings, pumps or trainers.**

On the following days, your child should bring their PE kit to change into:

5HW Tuesday (swimming kit)

5GA/LW Thursday

6NP Monday

6LB Thursday

School Uniform and Lost Property

A reminder that all children should come to school in school uniform. This includes a burgundy jumper or cardigan, white polo shirt and black trousers, skirt or pinafore. **School shoes/trainers must be black.** We have a large number of lost property items from the last term, if you are missing anything please come and have a look.



Early Bird Learning

Remember learning starts at 8:30. This gives the children the opportunity to continue to build on those valuable Maths skills. Some children in Y6 will also be invited to take part in morning or afternoon boosters. We will also be practicing our handwriting during this time too.

Homework, Home Reading and Spellings

As always we will continue to ensure that all children have an enjoyable and appropriate text to take home each night. Our choice and range of books is designed to give you child a broad and balanced reading diet, tailored to their needs. Please continue to listen to your child read at home each night and return a completed journal next day.

Every Friday children will receive homework. This will include a reading comprehension, SPaG and maths homework to practice and reinforce their learning at home. Please complete and return the homework by the following Wednesday. Every Friday, spellings will be sent home. Children will have a week to learn them before being tested. These lists will be sent home for you to continue to practice them with your children.



History — Conflict and War

Our History topic this half term will be **Conflict and War**. Throughout this exciting topic we will be discussing historical interpretations and question the ethicality of conflicts (namely WW2). We will also explore how conflict has erupted in the past as well as the impact of war on their local area. We will use our new knowledge to understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.