

Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 1

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year – we hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break. We are happy to inform you that Miss Patterson is returning to work from maternity leave and she will be joining the year six teaching team. She will be working with many of the children from both classes and I'm sure that you will join us in wishing her a warm welcome to year six. We would like to thank parents/carers again for your continued support and remind you that if you have any questions, or need any support, then do feel free to contact us. Miss Cope and Miss Dixon.

Topic – The Shang Dynasty

Our topic for this half term is all about the Shang Dynasty of ancient China. We will be learning about the fascinating history and culture during this era, as well as making replica buildings and exploring the beautiful art work of the time. In Science we will be learning all about a range of materials and conducting a range of experiments and investigations with them.



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Maths

This half term, we will be learning about decimals. We will be multiplying and dividing decimals, solving word problems and looking at the relationships between decimals and fractions.

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9.3 0.7 1.24
8.2 0.1 2.2
0.12 7.7 0.3

1 2 3 4.5

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0.5 =

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English

Our learning in English will initially be focused on developing narrative writing skills. We will be reading and studying the characters in an exciting fiction book called the History Keepers, Night Ship to China. The children will then work on writing their own fictional pieces, incorporating the effective use of character descriptions, dialogue and action.

Homework

Homework is set weekly. Children are expected to complete the essential activities: **spellings**, **maths** and **reading**. They have the option to complete any desirable tasks they wish as well.

10 homework points = 1 house point.

Homework is set on a **Thursday** and due in the following **Tuesday**.

The children earn 'Ace' reward stars for completing their set homework every week as well as house points.

If you or your child need any additional help or support with their homework then please do not hesitate to contact us. Homework should always make a positive impact and contribution to your child's learning and extend their learning at home in an enjoyable way.



PE

Our PE days will remain **Friday** and **Tuesday**. As swimming is now finished P.E. will be at school as normal. Please send your child with their PE kit (white t-shirt and black shorts), including trainers (these must be a change of shoes.) Earrings MUST be removed for PE lessons. Thank you for your support with this.

