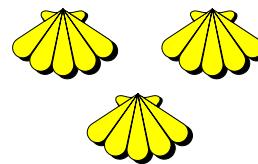


# High Wych C E Primary School

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## Spring Newsletter - 2019

Year 6 - Indigo Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a very enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the lovely cards and gifts that were generously given to us. Here is a brief outline of the main topics that we will be covering this term.

In English, we will be starting the term by reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. This will be a great stimulus for our writing, as the children will write a persuasive piece, character descriptions and stories with flashbacks. The children will all be reading and discussing this text as a class, deepening their comprehension skills. There will be daily grammar and spelling lessons in preparation for the forthcoming SATs in May. We will also be focusing on cross curricular writing within History and Science. On the 5th February we will be going to the Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College, more details to follow.

In Maths this term, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of all areas of mathematics, using immediate assessment to highlight individual areas that need improvement. They will work hard to develop their shape and space skills, use various graphs to analyse and represent data, gain a better understanding of fractions and percentages, and solve mathematical problems. We will be focusing on strategies to use when reasoning and solving problems. Please keep practising times tables with the children at home, as a quick recall of these will help them to develop their speed in answering questions.

In Science the children will be studying the Human Body. They will focus on the circulatory system, parts of the digestive system and how they transport fluids around the body. We will also look at the impact of lifestyles on our bodies. Electricity will be our topic after half term. They will practise making circuits and then apply this knowledge to DT by making an alarmed Easter egg box. We also will be taking part in Science week during March and will have the opportunity to visit the Science Dome in school.

In History this term, the children will be researching the Victorians. They will research the life and reign of Queen Victoria, Victorian schooling, housing and general life within this period. Using secondary sources, the children will find out about Victorian life in High Wych and research what remains in the village through looking at local buildings, maps, the census and school log book entries.

In Art we will be using cross curricular links with History to explore and evaluate great Victorian artists such as William Morris.



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In French the children will focus on a topic called 'The Weekend' and 'Habitats'. In music we will be looking at Jazz and Blues unit of work using glockenspiel to explore pitch.

PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They will be covering Netball skills and Dance with Mrs Clayden and a specialist PE teacher from Leventhorpe.

In RE the first half of the term will be spent exploring how Christians and Buddhists express their faith. As Easter approaches, the second half of the term will be spent studying the importance of Easter to Christians. We will take part in an RE day on 21<sup>st</sup> January on the topic of Respect and Resilience.

In Computing, we will be looking at Sound Works - how to generate sound clips using tools and effects.

Homework will be set on a Monday to be handed in on Friday. Please support your child with their homework ensuring it is completed to a good standard. The children will also have a spelling rule to investigate fortnightly. In addition to this, please ensure the children continue to practise the Year 5/6 spellings.

Please can the children continue to read at least 5 times a week, as this will really help their reading skills. We will check their reading records every Friday. Please also make sure that the children are reading suitable material for their age, although reading is for pleasure, we will be making sure they are reading high quality material this year. We have a large selection of age appropriate books in the classroom which the children will be encouraged to read.

Please aim to be on the playground for just after 8.40am so we are ready to line up when the bell goes at 8.50am to make a good start to the day or take the opportunity to use the ICT suite from 8am each morning to complete Bug Club, Mathletics/Rock Stars Times Tables or i-hub. Children can use these sites at home so if they have any problems logging on please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

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