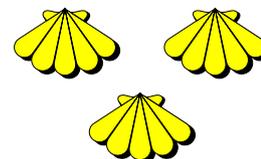


# High Wych C E Primary School

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## Spring Newsletter 2017

Year 6 - Indigo Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a very enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday and that 2017 brings all of you and the children much success and happiness.

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 *The Eye of the Wolf* by Daniel Pennac. This will be a great stimulus for our writing, as the children will write a persuasive piece, scene settings, character descriptions and stories with flashbacks. We will also be focusing on cross curricular writing within history and science.

The children will all be reading and discussing texts in groups weekly. There will be daily grammar and spelling lessons in preparation for the forthcoming SATs in May.

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 gain a better understanding of circuits, conductors and insulators, make switches.

DT will be linked to our science work; we will be designing and making alarmed Easter egg boxes. The children are also looking forward to the traditional Year 6 great egg race!

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 Geography the children will research the question - Are we damaging our world? They will look at geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of North or South America.

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

In French we will be learning how to order food in a café setting. We will create our own menus and enjoy lots of conversational French through drama.

PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will be covering indoor athletics skills 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 through art, drama and song. As Easter approaches, the second half of the term will be spent studying the importance of Easter to Christians.

Mrs Hundley will be teaching music every Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the local music festival in March.

Homework will be set on a Monday to be handed in on Friday. The children will also have 15 spellings to learn to be tested on Friday. The spellings will be words related to the spelling pattern we are working on in class and words from the Year 3/4 or 5/6 spelling list.

Please can the children 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.

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 and Athletics.

**Children are encouraged to attend Easter school this year in preparation for SATs. The dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> April- 6<sup>th</sup> April 9-12 each day; more information will come out soon.**

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Phillips

Mrs Siggers

Mrs Collins

