



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a completely awesome term we have had in Year 6. The children have worked incredibly hard on their learning this term and we're looking forward to this level of effort continuing. The SATS packs have proved to be very popular and the children have really stepped up, taking responsibility for getting their weekly tasks completed.

Trips and Visitors for the year

Spring 2 –Awesome Authors We have a journalist visiting us at the beginning of this theme.

Summer 1 – Enterprise We will be visiting the University of Northampton

Summer 2 – Lights, Camera, Action We will be travelling down to London to see 'Matilda' the musical!

Awesome Authors!

This term, our theme of Awesome Authors will see Year 6 learning about one of the most famous writers of all time -William Shakespeare. We will focus on reading A Midsummer Night's Dream, using drama to



bring The Bard's words to life and we will also look at another of Shakespeare's plays, The Tempest. We will be using and developing our art skills to help us really explore and understand the texts we study.



Our Science this term will be looking at working scientifically and we will undertake a range of enquiries during British Science Week. We will also look at classification of living things.

English

In English, we will be taking our inspiration from Shakespeare and writing a 'wishing tale'. We will focus on the children developing their understanding of how to write great dialogue. The children will also hone their letter writing skills and develop their ability to persuade. So watch out for them trying to persuade you to do things at home. We will return to the traditional for our poetry this term and focus on odes.



Reading

It is essential that children read at least three times per week to develop their fluency and understanding. Aside from the advantage this will give your child in SATS, it is important to develop a real pleasure for reading, which will support them throughout their lives. Children can read alone, with a sibling or a parent. Your child's reading will need to be written in their reading log each time they read. Your child also has a subscription to www.oxfordowl.co.uk where they can read e-books.



Spellings

Children will be set spellings to learn each week and these should be practised at least three times per week to support spelling lessons in school. Your child has a subscription to www.spellingshed.com where they are able to practise their spellings and compete against others if they want to.



Maths

During Spring 2, we will be working on converting measurement units, perimeter, area, volume and ratios. As SATS are approaching, we will also be using our SATS packs and other resources in class to familiarise the children with the expectations for these assessments. The children must continue to learn and practise their times tables. The aim is for children to be able to recall these number facts automatically, thereby freeing up working memory to work on maths reasoning problems more easily. Please make sure your child is using Times Tables Rock Stars (<https://trockstars.com/login>) every week to support their times tables knowledge.



We're looking forward to a fabulous term. Remember to follow our blogs to keep up to date with our Year 6 learning.

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