

Iguana Newsletter - Year 6



Firstly, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I hope you had a lovely break and are feeling rejuvenated for the term ahead.

This term promises to be a busy one, and our timetable will be jam-packed as always, with lots of whole school events. We have our showcase of science during our Education Week and it will be a science-filled exploration through many areas and topics that underpin this area of the curriculum.

This term Year 6 will be working as hard as ever as we embrace our new topic *World War 2* through a thematic approach across all of the key learning areas. Please see the attached topic map in order to gain an understanding of what this will include.

- In Literacy we will be focusing on: historical fiction, the horror genre, instructional texts, persuasive and argumentative writing, fiction/non-fiction reading for enjoyment, spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. These areas will be underpinned with a variety of talking and listening opportunities.
- Numeracy will allow us to delve deeper into number as we explore the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages; and how we can manipulate number using these processes. We will also be exploring ratio, perimeter, area and volume, 3-D shapes and their properties, nets of 3-D shapes and metric conversions.
- In Science lessons we will be focusing our attention on the human body, changing materials and electricity.

Homework demands will remain the same, but do expect to encounter changes along the way as exam needs takes priority. Revision of previously taught material will be imperative in order to keep concepts fresh in preparation for entrance examinations.

Preparations for future School Entrance Tests will also begin this term. You are invited to attend a Year 6 meeting next week on Thursday 18th January at 5 PM, which will explore the transfer procedure in greater detail. I look forward to working with you and your child over the upcoming weeks in order to build upon the achievements of last term and to help gain the confidence necessary to tackle the assessment procedures that may lie ahead. Moreover, we look forward to the expansion of our school as we prepare to open our doors to our own middle school this September. Do keep this in mind as a viable option for your child as you consider your options.

A few general reminders:

Our P.E. days will remain on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit, with their uniform prepared and ready to change into afterwards. Also, please remember to provide additional water for these days. **If your child is arriving late for P.E. please make sure you drop them off either at the office or with a teacher at the place of where P.E. is taking place. They are NOT to walk alone or just be 'dropped' off without an adult being notified of their arrival – thank you;**

- School lessons start promptly at **8.15 AM**, so please make sure that you are early to avoid your child missing key points of information;

- Please ensure that your child brings a healthy break for snack time and plenty of water to sustain them for the day ahead – remember to bring additional water for club days as well;
- If your child will be having hot lunch please provide the necessary crockery and cutlery;
- Please ensure your child has a hat with them for outdoor play and P.E. lessons;
- School ends at 3.00 PM and prompt collection is expected.

A busy and challenging term confronts us, but I am positive that with your continued support it will prove to be another successful one! I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting next week.
With best wishes, Mr. Jason.