

Year 6 Newsletter number 2 – Spring 2015

Welcome to the second of this year's newsletters. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the things we will be covering in class over the coming weeks.

Some of our topics this term are science based. We will be learning about Sun, Earth and Moon and light. We will also be learning about the Mayan Civilisation in history.

How you can help: take a look at these websites

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/science/space.htm>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/science/lightshadows.html>

<http://www.mayankids.com/>

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-mayans>

In English, we are studying a variety of different types of texts, including narrative poetry, discussions and reports. We are also going to be working on grammar and spelling rules in preparation for the SATs tests in May.

How you can help: listen to your child reading, and question them about what they have read. There are some suggestions for questions to ask printed inside the cover of their weekly planner. There are some really good activities on the BBC Bitesize website which will help your child boost their skills.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zv48q6f>

In Maths, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and different aspects of data handling and measure. We will also be revising different methods of calculation and properties of shape.

How you can help: practise multiplication tables with your child. Ask them to show you the tables grid they have brought home and explain to you how to use it. Tables are so important and will help them with so many other areas of maths during the year. Take a look at this website for lots of fun, interactive games your child can play:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

The BBC Bitesize website has some excellent revision.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z826n39>

The MyMaths website is also always available for them to practise their maths.

www.mymaths.co.uk

Our class assembly will be on Wednesday 25th February at 9:10am. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

As always, homework is given out each Wednesday, to be returned by the following Monday. Homework will include daily reading of at least 15 minutes (this could be to themselves, to you or a mix of the two), practising a times table, a maths activity (including MyMaths) based on work covered in class during the week and an English activity. This term we have started some research homework, in preparation for the kind of homework that your child is likely to get at high school. Homework club is available to all children during Assembly time on Thursday and Friday each week, should your child wish to attend. There is also Homework Club after school on Wednesday each week, from 3-4pm. Missed homework will be made up in your child's playtimes. I appreciate your support in helping your child to do their homework.

Diary dates: class assembly – 25th February.

If you have any concerns, please come in and talk to me.

Mrs Kurtz