

Year 6 Newsletter number 2 – Spring 2016

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.

This half term is focussed on science and we will be learning about Properties and Changes of Materials. After half term, we will be travelling back in time to explore further the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

How you can help: take a look at these websites

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

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

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6>

In English, we are studying a variety of different types of texts, including persuasive writing, stories with flashbacks and journalistic writing. 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 16th March at 9:10am. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

Homework will continue to be given out each Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. 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 based on work covered in class during the week and an English activity. There may be lists of spellings to learn and topic-based research too, including homework projects that run over several weeks. Mrs Turner will be running homework club during Assembly time on Friday and Monday each week, as well as an after school club each Tuesday from 3-4pm, should your child wish to attend. Missed homework will be made up in your child's playtimes. We appreciate your support in helping your child to do their homework.

Diary dates: 22nd January – visit to Sheringham High School for English activities, 29th January – visit to Guardian Newspaper, London, 11th February – visit to Cromer museum, 1st March – Vikings Day in school, 16th March - class assembly.

If you have any concerns, please come in and talk to me or pop a note inside your child's planner as I check these weekly. I look forward to another successful term working together with you.

Mrs Kurtz