

## Year 6 Newsletter number 2 – Spring 2017

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 history and we will be travelling back in time to find out about the Ancient Greeks. After half term, our topics will be science-based and we will be learning about Space and Electricity.

**How you can help:** take a look at these websites –

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

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

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/Science/electricity.htm>

In English, we are studying a variety of different types of texts, including myths and legends, narrative poetry and classic fiction. We are also working on lots of different aspects of grammar and revising spelling rules.

**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 and Sumdog websites are also always available for them to practise their maths.

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

[www.sumdog.com/](http://www.sumdog.com/)

Our class assembly will be on Wednesday 8th February 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 and a maths activity based on work covered in class during the week. There may be lists of spellings to learn and topic-based research too, including homework projects that run over several weeks. We appreciate your support in helping your child to do their homework and encouraging them to take responsibility for their own work.

**Diary dates:** 8<sup>th</sup> February - class assembly, 21<sup>st</sup> February – class photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day, 24<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day.

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