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Spring 2 Newsletter - Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting and important half-term ahead. As we step into Spring 2, our focus sharpens even more on preparing the children for their upcoming SATs. With just a few months to go, we will be ramping up the practice to ensure every child feels confident.

Alongside SATs preparation, we have an exciting curriculum planned, including our Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay! We truly appreciate your continued support in reinforcing learning at home and encouraging your child to approach this term with enthusiasm and determination.

Term dates: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Maths – This half-term, our focus in Maths will be on deepening our understanding of **fractions, decimals, and percentages**, making connections between them and applying these skills to real-life problem-solving. We will also explore **area, perimeter, and volume**, helping children develop strategies for calculating measurements in different contexts. Additionally, we will be working on **statistics**, interpreting and presenting data using charts, graphs, and tables. As always, we will continue to build fluency and confidence through reasoning and problem-solving activities. We will also continue daily arithmetic practice on LbQ.

Literacy – The short film *Alma* will provide the inspiration for our writing this term. We will be focusing on **newspaper report writing**, using the gripping short film *Alma* as inspiration. The children will take on the role of journalists, crafting detailed reports about a mysterious missing person case. They will learn how to structure their writing effectively, using formal language, direct and reported speech, and eye-catching headlines. Following on from the newspaper report, children will write a zombie survival guide, focusing on the features of non-fiction writing.

Reading - Our daily reading lessons will continue to be centred around the very popular *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan.

Other highlights include:

Science – Classifying microorganisms **DT** – Designing and sewing vests **PE** – Rugby

PSHE – Media Literacy **Music** – Musical Notation

Home Learning - Please encourage your child to practise the statutory spellings and timetables every day. All children have a TTRS account to make this easy and fun. In addition, your child should be reading challenging books daily to build their reading stamina and to develop their understanding and vocabulary. There are also weekly LbQ tasks for your children to complete on a device; please ensure your child is completing these.

Thank you for your ongoing support. All the best to you and your families,

Miss Holder and Mrs. Gambier

PE Days:

Miss Holder's Class: Thursday (outdoor)

Mrs Gambier's Class : Thursday (outdoor)

Please make sure your child wears trainers and comfortable clothes that they can easily move around in on these days, such as leggings or tracksuit bottoms. If your child is not able to take part in PE due to illness or injury, please provide them with a letter to inform the class teacher.

Key Dates:

Monday 3rd March – KS2 Author Workshop (Anna James)

Tuesday 4th March – Class Photos

Thursday 6th March – Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday 7th March – Illustrator Workshop (Sharon Davey)

Monday 10th March – Friday 14th March - Year 6 School Journey

Wednesday 19th March – Year 5/6 Internet Safety Talk (Breck Foundation)

Thursday 20th March – Year 6 SATS and Transition to Secondary School Parent Session

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Thursday 27th March – KS2 Reading and Writing Parent Session