



## Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter 2024

I hope everybody had a relaxing time over Christmas. I would like to thank you all for your thoughtful cards and gifts. This half term, our value is Wisdom and after half term our value will be Hope.

### English

*This term we are exploring the text 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo and illustrated by Michael Foreman. The children will get an opportunity to discuss legends and the importance of heroic poetry in early European literature. They will then go on to create a number of varied written outcomes using the text as a starting point including recounts, formal letters, dialogue, descriptions, obituaries and writing their own epic, heroic narrative using various poetic devices.*

*After half term, we will look at non-fiction writing through the book 'Can We Save the Tiger' by Martin Jenkins.*

*Every day we will start our English lesson by learning specific areas of grammar and we will apply these to our writing.*

*Please continue to read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills.*

### R.E.

*This term the children will be learning about how faith has changed in Surrey. We will be looking at census information and analysing all the different religions across the county. To enhance our understanding about changes in our local church, we will be researching different places of worship in our community.*

*After half term, we will also be studying the Easter Story in more detail and looking particularly at the individuals involved in the events leading up to the Crucifixion.*

### Maths

*In Maths, we are concentrating on Number and Place Value, Fractions, Ratio and Proportion and Geometry. It is very important that children feel confident in their knowledge of numbers and their properties. Our daily Number Club sessions have been fantastic and everybody has improved their timetables knowledge, using both multiplication and division. To help them improve further they should practise their times tables at home as much as possible. It is important that the children learn them 'off by heart' so that they can perform rapid recall of any question.*

### History

*After half term, our main topic is 'Battle of Britain'. We will look at this significant turning point in British history and study the causes and consequences of different events leading up to the Battle of Britain, including the immediate and long-term consequences.*

### Geography

*Our main topic in Geography is entitled 'How on Earth? Our world from the International Space Station'. We will be looking at satellite images of the globe and raise enquiry questions about how it has been developed or formed.*

### Expressive Arts

*In Art this term we will be looking at sculpture and textiles. In our lessons we will learn weaving and sewing skills. Later in the term, we will also be looking at European artists like Van Gogh who was a Dutch post-impressionist painter.*

*In French this term, we will be talking about different areas and types of places to live.*

*In music, we will be focused our learnings around one song from Benjamin Britten's Friday Afternoons: A New Year Carol.*

### P.E.

In PE this term, we are focusing on quick-sticks and dodgeball. PE lessons will involve both physical and mental challenge. They will also involve social interaction with others and develop life skills such as resilience, co-operation and team-work.

Please ensure children bring the correct P.E. kit to school each week: navy blue shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and yellow t-shirts.

**Please make sure all items of your child's P.E. kit are named.** Year 6 children will take P.E. kit home on Fridays to be cleaned, and it must come back every Monday.

### Wellbeing

At Nutfield Church Primary School we are encouraging our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. This year we will continue to learn about the importance of self-respect and how this **links to the children's own happiness.** In P.S.H.E. we will explore the meaning of extremism and its consequences. We will also explore how conflict can be managed or avoided. Our Wellbeing Curriculum involves looking after the guinea pigs.

### Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and **must be handed back in by the following Thursday to be checked.** Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their spellings. It is important that the children take pride in their homework.

### And finally...

Thank you very much for your support. We all know Year 6 is very a special year for our children. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to catch me at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me or email the school office to arrange an appointment.

Mr Bowen, Mrs Boyle and Mrs Ross - The Year 6 Team

### Science, Computing and Design and technology

**Our science topic is 'light'.** Children will learn that light travels in straight lines. Using this idea, the children will learn that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. This explains why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

After half term, our topic will be **'Electricity'.** We will consolidate the children's knowledge of materials which are electrical conductors, and extend their understanding of ways in which the brightness of bulbs or the speed of motors in a circuit can be changed. Children will also learn how to use conventional symbols for communication. In D.T the children will use a wide range of tools and equipment to create an electric circuit.

In Computing, the children will learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

### Dates for your diary

**Year 6 collective worship**—Wednesday 24th January 9:05am.

**K S2 SA Ts meeting**—Tuesday 20th February 3:30pm—4:15pm in the Year 6 Classroom.

**PTFA Bags2School Collection**—Wednesday 21st February

**PTFA KS2 School Disco**—Friday 23rd February 5:15pm —6:15pm

**St. David's Day** - yellow shirt Friday 1st March

**St. Patrick's Day** - green shirt Monday 18th March (Sunday 17th March)

**SSA Parent and Carer Evenings**—W/C 18th March- Monday 25th March to Wednesday 27th March -3.30pm - 6.00pm

**Easter Service Christ Church**—Thursday 28th March - 9.30am

**PTFA Easter Egg Hunt**—Thursday 28th March - 3.15pm-4.00pm

**Spring Half term**—Monday 12th—Friday 16th February.