



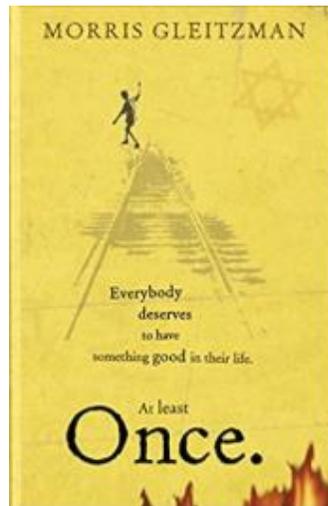
Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back, Year 6, and Happy New Year! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. For your information, we have summarised some of the key information regarding teaching and learning in this Spring term. We are looking forward to a fun and hardworking term. Enjoy!

Explore Dream Discover Curriculum

Our History topic this term focusses on the Battle of Britain. We will be finding out about key dates, events and people, as well as exploring the experiences of evacuees and citizens during the Second World War, and how the conflict changed society.

In Geography, we will learn more about Mountain, Earthquakes and Volcanoes including tectonic plates, causes of earthquakes and volcano formation.



English

Our English lessons this term are largely based on our new class novel: *Once* (which is a story based around events in WWII), but pupils will also be immersed in many other texts related to the themes of this book, such as *The Island*; *Goodnight Mr. Tom*; *The Book Thief*, etc. Our English lessons include focussed reading skills as well exploring, analysing and producing writing in different styles and genres.

Mathematics

Children will continue with daily Mathematics lessons during Year 6. Quick recall of times tables (up to and including the 12 times table) is an essential skill. For your child to succeed in maths this year, it is of paramount importance that they continue to learn their tables at home if they are not fluent at this. Key areas of maths that we will be focussing on this term will be ratio, fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as measurements.

We will be continuing to work on increasing your child's speed and accuracy in arithmetic, and also on improving their confidence and ability to tackle more complicated multi-step reasoning problems.

Spellings

On a weekly basis, your child will be taught new spelling rules and will be given a list of words to learn. Although time will be given at the start of each day for pupils to practise these at school, **we would also strongly encourage pupils to practise them at home.** These spellings will be uploaded onto Dojo every Monday and then pupils will be tested each Thursday.

Maths Homework

Maths homework will be posted on Dojo every Monday morning and children are expected to complete it and hand in on the following Friday morning.

This homework is for all children who have completed their times tables books.

KS2 Reading

"The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives."



We ask for your support with your child's reading as reading underpins all learning at school, and parental support is vital in your child's progression. Please encourage your child to bring their reading book into school each day, so that they have opportunities to enjoy reading at school as well as home.

- ✓ Read at home for a minimum of 20-30 minutes, at least 5 times per week.
- ✓ Discuss unknown words that they come across in their home reading books.
- ✓ Quiz regularly on home reading books through accelerated reader, at home or at school via our school portal.
<http://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/2209120/>

Many children will now be reading independently, but please ask them to tell you about the books they're reading, and to explain their choices; we aim to foster a love of reading for all of our pupils!

PE

For this spring term, pupils will be having 2 PE sessions per week. The first will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons (delivered by TIME4SPORT specialist PE instructors). The PE focus this term is: GYMNASTICS.

Then, every Friday, pupils will take part in 'Tabata'. This is a high intensity interval training programme which is designed to improve pupils' physical stamina and build muscle strength.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their Willows' P.E kit on Tuesday and Fridays.



Start and end of the school day times

Doors open: 8:35 – 8:44 a.m.

School ends: 3:15 p.m.



Key Stage 2 SATS: Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May 2024

Monday: Grammar, punctuation and spelling paper 1 (grammar and punctuation) – 40 minutes

Grammar, punctuation and spelling paper 2 (spelling test) – 20 minutes

Tuesday: Reading Paper – 60 minutes

Wednesday: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) – 30 minutes

Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes

Thursday: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.

If you wish to contact your class teacher, please use ClassDojo as this is now our main communication link.