

Class 6 Newsletter

Summer Term 2010

I hope you have all enjoyed the Easter Holiday and are ready for the busy term ahead. I am looking forward to the trip to Robinwood for a few action packed days! During May we have the important SATs. This year SATs week is Monday 10th May to Friday 14th May. Please make sure your child attends school that week - even if they are feeling ill! Arrangements can be made that they complete their assessment and then go home! A time table for the SATs is attached to the end of the newsletter. No sooner have SATs finished then it is serious preparation for Secondary school. The final Summer Term of Primary school for Year 6 children is very busy and very exciting.

Literacy Texts will include:

- 'The Runaways' by Ruth Thomas;
- 'The Hobbit' by J R R Tolkien;
- Usborne Big Book of Puzzle Adventure books.

Science:

- 'More About Dissolving'
- 'Reversible and Irreversible Changes'

Topic:

- Geography - 'Investigating Water, Rivers and Coastlines'
- R.E. - 'Hindu Culture'

Booster Lessons

During this half term we will continue with 'Booster Lessons'. We cover work in preparation for the SATs in May; Mathematics, English and Science. The children have been given some revision books to use at home. Each week, as part of their homework, the children will be told which areas to revise in preparation for the next 'Booster Lesson'.

Games: Every Wednesday afternoon. If the weather is suitable this will be outdoor games, so could you please provide suitable outdoor clothing and footwear e.g. warm tracksuit/fleece, outdoor trainers.

P.E: Every Friday morning - the hall is available. Children will need shorts, a T-shirt and a pair of indoor shoes (trainers or plimsols)

Homework (a reminder)

I normally give out homework on a Monday and it is due back on a Friday. Some of this homework will be revision for the SATs tests taken in May 2010. As part of the homework the children should be reading for approximately 20 - 30 minutes per evening. This can be reading to an adult or reading to themselves e.g. before lights out!

Best Wishes,
Mrs. J. Carroll

SATs Timetable

Monday 10 th May 2010	English Reading Test (1 hour)
Tuesday 11 th May 2010	English Writing - shorter task (20 mins) Spelling Test English Writing - longer task (45 minutes)
Wednesday 12 th May 2010	Mental Mathematics Test (20 minutes) Mathematics Test A - non calculator paper (45 minutes)
Thursday 13 th May 2008	Mathematics Test B - calculator paper (45 minutes)
Friday 14 th May 2010	Science Sampling Tests Paper A (45 mins) Paper B (45 mins)

You are probably aware that there have been changes to the SATs regarding the Science. Although there are no longer Science SATs for all Year 6 children there are still SATs for 'sampling schools'; 5% of Year 6 children nationally. This is to be able to ensure that the standards in Science do not drop. Amotherby Primary has been selected to take part in these Science Sampling Tests and these will be held on Friday 14th May; they will follow the same SATs rules and routines as the English and Maths.

During the Summer Term you will receive your child's individual levels for the English and Maths SATs. However, the Science children's individual results are not being made available to participating schools or children. Obviously you will receive the Teacher Assessment levels for English, Maths and Science.