



Monday 8th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays and Happy New Year to you all; I hope that you all had a wonderful break. The children have returned with a great attitude and have accepted the challenges that come with being in Year 6 so please continue to encourage this positive approach. We have a variety of exciting learning planned for this half term, including some Aboriginal dancing, art and descriptive writing linked to our Australian 'Down Under' theme – more details can be found on the topic web attached.

Things to remember:

- Dance will be on a Monday afternoon and Games on a Thursday morning so please ensure that children have the correct kit with them.
- Reading diaries and homework are due in on a Monday.
- Homework will be given to children on a Tuesday so please keep an eye out for it. As we are nearing SATs, there may be more SPaG/Maths related homework set in order to prepare them for the types of questions they may meet in these assessments.
- Spelling/timestable tests will be on a Monday morning.
- PPA will be every Thursday morning.

Key dates:

- Class assembly: Wednesday 24th January at 2:30. Please come along!
- Practice SATs Week: Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February.
- Parents evening: Wednesday 31st January and Thursday 1st February.

SATs tests: As mentioned in my previous half-termly letter, I will be holding a SATs meeting in Skylark Class on Thursday 11th January straight after school. During this meeting, you will be given Maths and SPaG revision guides to use with your children, be able to look through test papers, see the timetable for the week and ask any questions that you may have; I look forward to seeing you there!

How to help your child at home:

Thank you so much for encouraging the children to participate in Spellodrome and Athletics regularly – it is great seeing Year 6 setting a positive attitude towards their learning and the whole class scores have been consistently good. It is essential that we continue to work together to ensure that we maintain this high standard, particularly during this crucial term. As well as this, I have been really impressed with the amount of reading that the children have been completing.

In order to continue to help the children at home, please ensure that they are encouraged to write comments in their Homework Diaries themselves and that, in any written homework, spelling, punctuation and presentation is of the highest standard possible for each individual. We are particularly focusing on the children using the correct homophones in their spellings and using commas correctly to mark clauses. To boost confidence and to practise some key mathematical skills, I have been and will be continuing to hold a Maths Booster Club every Thursday lunchtime for 20-25 minutes. Every half term, I place a timetable up on my board for the children to sign up to come if they feel it would be helpful. I have enclosed a copy of this timetable; please discuss this with your child(ren) and encourage them to participate if you feel that they would benefit from attending.

Thank you so much for your continued support; it really is appreciated. We have had such a wonderful first term as Skylark Class and I am looking forward to the adventures that 2018 have in store for us! As always, should you need to discuss anything with me, please do come by and find me after school or contact the office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Holden.



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Maths Booster timetables

Spring 1:

11.01.18	18.01.18	25.01.18	01.02.18	08.02.18
General problem-solving	Fractions of number/finding the whole	Adding and subtracting fractions	Long division & multiplication	BODMAS

Spring 2 (proposed timetable according to the curriculum but may change depending on the needs of the children):

22.02.18	01.03.18	08.03.18	15.03.18	22.03.18
Converting fractions, decimals and percentages.	Percentages of amounts.	Converting measures	Area and perimeter	Interpreting data.