

# *Year 6 Bears Newsletter-Term 5*

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 5. I hope you had good break over Easter and the children are well-rested as we enter the summer term. The main focus for this term is the SATs tests, which take place the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The four weeks prior to this will be very busy with the majority of the curriculum focusing on literacy and numeracy.

I would like to emphasise the importance of the SATs, as they are an accurate external measure of your child's success at primary school. The outcomes of these will provide your child's new secondary school with information about their academic achievements, which inform ability groups and setting. You should have already received an information pack on SATs week and revision material. This year, we also have revision books for SPAG and maths that the children are welcome to take home and borrow. But please don't write in the books!

I will continue to teach the children all week except for Tuesday afternoon when they will have Mr Packer for PE and Mrs Berry for SPAG.

Lots of the children in year 6 will be taking part in smaller groups this term for reading, SPAG or maths. These will be with either one of the teaching assistants or with Miss Creigh or myself and it is likely that children from both classes will be in the same group.

## **Outline of the curriculum**

### **Numeracy**

Lessons will be largely revision based. During the revision lessons we will cover several concepts a session in order to keep memories refreshed; we will also revisit curriculum content from previous years, which may come up in the assessments. Regular arithmetic sessions and plenty of number bonds and times tables practice will also continue.

### **Literacy**

We will continue with plenty of opportunities for extended writing to ensure a wide range of work is produced ready for teacher assessment. We will also continue with lots of reading comprehension work and a great deal of emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar in preparation for the SPAG assessment. The children will have plenty of opportunity to sit past papers for reading, maths and SPAG in the coming weeks; time will be spent on exam technique, styles of questions and how to make the most of the time in the tests.

## Science

Science this term will focus on 'Animals including humans'. We will learn about the circulatory system, the heart, lungs, function and components of blood and the effect of exercise on heart rate.

## RE

This term will focus on Sikhism, in particular research about the ten Sikh Gurus, including Guru Nanak; the Guru Granth Sahib and Gurdwaras as a place of worship. As part of this topic there is a trip booked to the Gurdwara in Gravesend on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June (Term 6).

## Geography

The children will be completing a study of a North American country, which they will choose themselves. Work will include map work at different scales as well as looking at the human and physical features of the chosen country such as weather and climate, trade, economy, land use and employment.

## PE

PE lessons will continue to take place on **Tuesday** afternoons. The children will take part in cricket and athletics sessions. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit and trainers/plimsolls for PE lessons and that all PE items are named.

## Art

In art we will be completing optical illusion themed work, focusing mainly on the artist Bridget Riley.

## Homework

Homework and spellings will continue to be set every Thursday, to be handed in and tested on the following Tuesday. In addition to tasks set each week, please practise times tables and also encourage daily reading which should be recorded in their Home School Record book.

### Dates for the Diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> May- Class Photos
- 7<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday
- 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>- SATs Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> May- Gravity and Mote Park
- 25<sup>th</sup> May- End of Term 5
- 4<sup>th</sup> June – Staff Development Day

