



Curriculum Letter Spring Term – Year 6

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We hope you all enjoyed a very Happy Christmas and we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! THANK YOU for all the lovely cards and presents which you gave to us at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

Everyone in Year 6 worked extremely hard during the Autumn term and all the children have made good progress, however It is really important that we maintain this over the next term.

The purpose of our letter is to keep you informed about your child's learning this term and to ensure you are aware of the class routines and procedures. In addition, we would like to inform you that our door is always open if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child and what lies ahead during the next term and remainder of the year ahead.

As a reminder, the famous **SATs tests** will take place in the summer during the week beginning **14th May 2018**. Once these have finished, we will have an amazing residential trip to **Avon Tyrrell Outdoor Activity Centre** which we are sure will be one of the highlights of the year. The dates for this trip are **Monday 21st – Friday 25th May 2018**. More details will follow later this term.

However, before we can look forward to the summer, we need to concentrate on what we are going to achieve this term across the curriculum. This term your child will be working on the following topics:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Work which we will cover during the Spring Term</u>
Literacy	We will be focussing on various forms of writing including: Explanations, Instructions, Persuasive writing, Non-chronological reports and journalistic writing, including use of the active and passive voice. We will also look at all the vocabulary and grammatical features associated with these genres as well as Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar as discrete lessons. Another key focus area will be continuing to develop our reading comprehension skill and speed reading techniques to help with the longer texts
Maths	We will continue to revise all work covered last term and will build on this subject knowledge. Throughout this term we will look at Fractions, Measurement, Statistics, Algebra, Ratio, Proportion and Geometry. We will continue with our Arithmetic sessions along with Mental Maths and Times Table Tests.
R.E.	Our units include Revelation where we will look at the story of St Paul, Lent and Holy Week.
P.S.H.E.	'Going for Goals' and how it's 'Good to be Me'
Humanities	We will study the key events of World War II, including the outbreak of the war, Winston Churchill, the Battle of Britain and Anne Frank.
P.E.	Handball and Tennis
Art	Artwork – painting, sketching and drawing related to our topic of World War II
Music	Singing a wide range of songs and analysing music genres



P.E. Please ensure the correct P.E. uniform (white t-shirt, navy shorts and sweatshirt or zip-up hoodie) is available in school every day, labelled with your child's name and that pupils have tracksuit bottoms and trainers for cooler weather. Please could you also provide your child with a pair of white sports socks to wear every time they do P.E. as we do try to go out every session so if they do not have spare socks this can result in very wet feet for the rest of the afternoon. Please also ensure that your child has a separate bag for muddy kit and trainers. Remember that children should avoid wearing earrings and that long hair is tied back. Thank you for your cooperation.



WATER

To ensure maximum concentration and comfort, pupils should have access to water throughout the day. While we do have drinking taps, it is advisable that your child brings in a bottle of water with their name clearly labelled on it.

SNACKS

At morning break (10:15) children may have a piece of fruit to eat. This should be fresh fruit and not dried fruit or fruit sweets. Please remember that St. Joseph's is a nut-free school, so please ensure any food brought in adheres to this.

HOME LEARNING

It is important that pupils have a quiet space in which to do their home learning and that they are organised in handing homework in on time. There are two subjects of homework set (usually Maths and Literacy)

- **Literacy Homework is set on a Wednesday to be handed in by the following Monday**
- **Spellings will be sent home on a Wednesday to be tested on Monday**
- **Maths Homework is set on a Friday to be handed in by the following Wednesday**

In addition, there will be mental maths tests as well as times tables tests every week.

We would suggest that children spend no more than 45 minutes on each homework task.

If your child does have any problems when attempting their work, please feel free to come and see us, or write a note in their book.

READING

Reading is invaluable to your child's learning. We really want to promote reading in Year 6 and encourage children to read regularly for enjoyment. Please encourage your child to read daily at home and to read a range of texts.

Although children in Year 6 are independent readers, please encourage your child to read aloud to you occasionally and to discuss what they are reading.



BOOSTER GROUPS

We have an assessment week towards the end of each half term. From these tests we use the results and assess class work and then, to ensure every child achieves their potential, we ensure the children have opportunities to boost their learning in preparation for the SATs. Sometimes, it may mean that they have to miss another activity but please rest assured we are looking at the bigger picture and are trying to meet the needs of every child. Once SATs are over, all such groups will stop, but their learning will continue to be supported. **We are holding a Key Stage 2 SATs information evening for Parents on Thursday 11th January at 6.30pm in the Year 6 classroom.**

CLASS ASSEMBLY

We would like to invite you to our class assembly which will be held on **Friday 12th January at 2.30pm.**

If you have any concerns and/or wish to pass on good news, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We'd be happy to help. If you would like to visit our classroom, schedule a meeting to discuss anything, or volunteer to help out, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We will be on the playground at the end of each school day.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a happy year together. **Mrs Loader, Mr Curran & TA Team.**

