

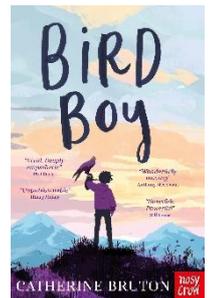


# Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

The Spring Term is always a busy one, jam packed with lots of fun learning opportunities including science week, during which Year 6 learn all about the circulatory system. This term will also include lots of revision in preparation for our end of KS2 assessments and for the children's transition to secondary school. There are also lots of exciting learning opportunities this term, including a trip to Tangmere Aviation Museum.

## LEARNING:

**Literacy** - Across the first half term, Year 6 will be using the book 'Bird Boy' as inspiration for their writing. We will be looking at narrative writing and persuasive writing; revising and embedding all of our previously learnt grammar, punctuation and spelling skills to ensure that we are confident at using these for purpose. We will continue to focus on developing our spelling and the children should be working to become confident at spelling and using their spell-it words.



**Maths** - This term, the children will be consolidating all of their maths learning so far to ensure that they are confident with a range of mathematical skills. We will also be doing some revision on fractions and percentages, as well as learning some new skills such as methods for calculating with fractions and ratios. We will spend time developing our reasoning skills with children then being able to demonstrate their maths understanding across a range of questions and problems.

**Wider Curriculum** - Our topic this term is 'Nurturing the World' and is Geography focused. We will be exploring different parts of the world and comparing them with our understanding of where we live. We will also be discussing features of human geography and the impact that these are having on the natural world.

## P.E

During the first half term the children will take part in table tennis and hockey. They will be developing their skills in these areas in preparation for secondary school PE lessons. Our PE days this term continue to be Wednesday and Friday. **New for this term in Year 6 only: children should bring their PE kit with them to school to hang on their peg; they will get changed for PE at school (boys and girls will change separately).** This change is following feedback from the local secondary schools about children's preparedness for changing for PE. PE kit is their house t-shirt (future flyer and bronze ambassador t-shirts are also acceptable) and navy blue or black bottoms, a navy blue or black hoodie/jumper is also recommended during the winter months - school jumpers can be worn if you do not have a dark coloured hoodie. Please support your children in ensuring they have the correct PE kit. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and all children are expected to take part in all lessons.



## PPA Cover:

Mrs Low will continue to teach Geometry, French and RE every other Monday.

## Outside Play

Please ensure that children have their coats, gloves and suitable outdoor footwear at school throughout the week. This enables children to play outdoors and have more space available to them in all weather conditions. Please could you ensure that all items of school uniform, coats, shoes and PE kit are named. Therefore, if they are misplaced they can easily be returned to the rightful owner. Children are able to bring a piece of fruit with them to have at playtime

and we do encourage this to help provide some extra energy for the children between breakfast and lunch. Children should also bring a named water bottle to school with them every day.

### **Homework:**

This term the children will receive revision-based homework tasks for maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar. When the children move on to secondary school, they will receive a larger volume of homework than they currently do, so we encourage the children to get into a good routine for completing their homework now, so that this is not such a shock next year. Homework will be set on a Monday and will be due the following Monday during the Spring Term. This is to give the children a full week of school where they are able to come and speak to me if they are unsure of the task. Additionally, children will continue to have a half term topic focused piece of homework that they can pick from the grid. If children do not complete their homework on time, then they will be expected to stay in during lunchtime to fully complete the tasks. The work will be set on Seesaw and all children are expected to be able to login and manage this independently. If your child has any issues logging into Seesaw then please ask them to let me know.



### **Reading**

During the spring term the Children in Year 6 should continue to read regularly at home to maintain their reading fluency and stamina. Please could you encourage, and ensure, your child is reading on a daily basis, either independently or to an adult. They should be aiming for at least 15 minutes of reading at home each day. We ask the children to quiz on their AR reading books within two - three weeks of starting them and if they do not read regularly at home it will be difficult for them to stick to this time frame.



### **Times Tables**

Children should continue to regularly practice their tables using TTRockstars for at least 10 minutes each day to ensure all those table facts are readily available for the children to use during their maths lessons. We do regularly check the children's progress on this, so please encourage them to complete this each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Olliver

Year 6 Class Teacher

Year 6 key dates and events:

Term/Date	Event	ESTIMATED Cost and other details.
First half of Spring Term	Leavers Hoodies to be available to order for collection after Easter.	Details will be sent home later in the Spring Term.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January @ 3.20pm	Parents Meeting about SATs preparation.	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco	Details to be sent out.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Term target sheets to go home.	N/A
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET Day	N/A
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week	Details to be sent out later in the term.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum	£11 - details to be sent home soon.
10th and 18th March	Parents Evening	N/A
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief Day	£1
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Evacuee Dress up day	Details to be sent out later in the term.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability	Details to be sent out later in the term.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photo day	N/A
Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May	SATS Week	A parents meeting will be held prior to this.
June TBC	Enterprise Week	A letter will be sent home with more details.
June TBC	Year 6 Treat Days	Two treat days to celebrate their hard work - the cost of these is covered by their enterprise week businesses.
Friday 12th June	Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair	Donated Items TBC
Friday 26th June	Sports Morning	
Friday 26th June	Year 6 Leavers Pizza Party	A letter will be sent home with more details.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	National Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Day	All of Year 6 will spend the day at their new secondary schools on this day.
Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July	KS2 Summer Production	Tickets will go on sale after the May half term.
Potentially: Thursday 9th July TBC	STEM Enrichment visit to Festival of Speed	Approx £10 Details will be sent home closer to the time if we are able to secure tickets for the school.
Friday 10th July	Reports and SATs Results	
Friday 17h July @1.45pm	Leavers Assembly and trophies - Year 6 parents invited.	