

Dear parents/carers,

6MH NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 1

Welcome back and to the penultimate half-term of Year 6 – it’s hard to believe the children are now in their last term of primary school! It was fantastic to meet so many of you at our parent’s evenings just before the holidays, to have the opportunity to hear Mr Hayes’ comments and to discuss your child with you. I feel very privileged to be taking on the role of their class teacher at such a busy and exciting period in their school life - and we certainly *do* have a very full couple of weeks ahead of us in the run up to SATs. Here’s what’s in store!

Topic

Our whole school topic this half-term is ‘Keep on Moving’, with all the children from F2 to Year Six looking at different forms of transport. In Year 6, we will be predominantly focusing on the invention of the aeroplane. In History, the children will learn about the lives of significant individuals and key moments within the aeroplane’s history and in Design Technology, the children will have the opportunity to then research, develop and design their own airline brand.

Writing

The final term of Year Six will see the children really working on getting their writing skills ready for their move to high school, working on several different projects to develop both their writing style and confidence even further. This half-term, these projects will include looking at the spine-chilling short story collection ‘Uncle Montague’s Tales of Terror’, using the techniques discovered to then craft their own addition based on the spooky animation short ‘Alma’, before moving on to their biography writing skills, focusing on Amelia Earhart and The Wright Brothers to link with our aeroplane topic.

Reading

Our Reading sessions will continue to extend the children’s confidence with the six key reading strategies introduced earlier this year. Ask your child about how they use these strategies to help us ‘dig deeper’ into the text. We will be reading several extracts from some great children’s books, which the children can then borrow from the school library afterwards if they find themselves hooked in! Please continue to listen to your child read as many times a week as you can so that together we can develop their reading skills. Your time really *does* make a difference. Please also make sure that you make a note in their planners each time you do so that we can include them in our whole-school Reading Champion challenge. I am crossing my fingers that this half-term will see Year 6 showing the rest of the school how it’s done!

Maths

In Maths, our initial focus will be on revision in order to get the children ready for their upcoming SATs. This will also involve some optional, ‘drop-in’ sessions which the children can choose to attend if they identify particular topics that they feel they need a bit more support and help with. Following on from SATs, we will be holding an ‘Investigation Week’, which will allow the children to really use and apply all the fantastic mathematical reasoning and problem solving skills they have developed over their time at primary school.

Science

Our Science focus this half-term is on developing the children's ability to work 'scientifically'; a great 'hands-on' topic that will allow the children to spend time investigating the different scientific enquiry types. With a little help and suggestion from Miss Cowley, our school Science leader, we have some great investigations planned!

PE

Our PE unit will be in direct preparation for the Brigshaw Learning Partnership Annual Sports Day, a competitive and fun event that sees all the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 compete at John Charles Centre in a great day of sport. In Year Six, we will compete in Tag Rugby, Dodgeball and Athletics. Our PE sessions will continue to be taught by our school PE leader, Mr Turner on **Thursdays** and so ABPS PE kit will need to be in school on this day.

A quick reminder that if children's ears have been recently pierced, then plain gold or silver studs are permitted - these will need to be covered with tape during PE lessons for health and safety reasons. All other earrings and jewellery should be removed and longer hair tied up.

General Information

As I've already mentioned, the children in Year 6 will sit their SATs tests during the fourth week back after the holidays. More information will be sent out shortly, but the timetable will be as follows:

Monday 13 th May	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 14 th May	Reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Maths <i>Paper One – Arithmetic</i> <i>Paper Two – Reasoning</i>
Thursday 16 th May	Maths <i>Paper Three: Reasoning</i>

This half-term, homework will continue to be set on a weekly basis for English, Maths and Spelling and will be handed out each Wednesday and will be due back no later than Monday. If your child struggles with any part of their homework, please let us know. Where homework is not handed in or is not up to the children's usual standard, they are aware that they will have to catch up/re-do this in their own time at break or lunch.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child's learning that you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see me – my door is always open. Alternatively, you can email me at brownr01@brigshawtrust.com.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brown