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**Year 6 Newsletter**

**Spring 1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break spending time with family and friends. I can’t wait to hear all about what the children have been getting up to over the holidays.

There will be a continued focus on reading, so we are kindly asking you to support children with this as much as possible at home. **All** children need to be reading for minimum of 30 minutes per day, at least 4 times a week. I will be checking the children’s reading diaries every Monday to see if their reading target has been met. If they do this for half of the weeks in a half-term, the children will receive a class reading treat (e.g. in a 6 week half term, they are expected to read 4 times for at least 3 weeks). If they do not read for half of the weeks, they will **not** take part in the reading treat.

Our new author for this term is Louis Sacher. We have lots of his books in the classroom and I would really encourage the children to read as many of these as possible. I hope the children enjoy this author as much as their previous one!

Our Maths lessons will develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving across all elements of the National Curriculum as well as focusing specifically on arithmetic skills in particular. The children have worked extremely well last term within arithmetic sessions and I am so proud of how they are progressing! Please continue to prioritise times tables.

In Science, we will be moving onto a new topic- Evolution and Inheritance. Our Scientist this half term is Charles Darwin.

In Geography, we will be focusing on a new topic- geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography in a region of North America (California) and a region of South America (Amazon Rainforest).

History lessons will continue on focusing on WW11, in particular: rationing, The Battle Of Britain and the Luftwaffe.

Within PSHE, we will be starting a new topic – living in the wider world.

Each day at lunchtime, Mrs Kirk will be running PE clubs on the playground or field. These will change on a weekly basis and there will be no need to sign up in advance. Children will be able to join in as and when they would like to. To take part children will need their trainers only, but you may prefer to send your child into school in their PE kit on those days.  EYFS club will be on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will be KS1 and Wednesday and Friday will be KS2.  New guidance for any sport and physical activities requires earrings to be removed completely.  Not only is this for the safety of your child but also the other children in their class. Please support us in this and remove earrings before children come into school on their PE days. Please also ensure hair is tied back. Year 6 P.E days are Thursdays and Fridays.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email me and I will do my best to reply as soon as I can. Thank you for continued support.

Kind Regards,

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