

Year 6 News – Spring 1

So far this half term, the children have learnt about the geography of Europe (physical and human), where each country is and what their capital cities are. We have also had a focus on France and have been studying the book 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret'. Moving into the last few weeks of this topic, the children will begin to explore European artists, creating a self-portrait combining 3 different styles of art.

SATS meeting



This years SATs meeting will be Friday 3rd February at 3:30pm in the Junior hall. Please attend to find out further information.

SATs week will be 8th–11th May 2017

Boosters!

All boosters are proving to be very successful. Thank you for your support in helping your children attend these sessions.



Google Expedition

We are lucky enough to have been successful in an application for the Google Expedition team to come to our school. On Friday 3rd February, the children have the unique opportunity to experience a virtual reality tour of the world's oceans, including The Great Barrier Reef, which will link to our Art Week topic focused around Australia.



Thank you to all the parents who have bought revision guides. We encourage the children to look at these little and often and revise work they have covered in class.

These will also help children when they are unsure with homework.

We still have guides available for purchase. Please see your class teacher for a letter if you wish to buy them.



Don't forget:

P.E kits need to be in school all week if possible. 6 Elm P.E is on Wednesday and Thursday 6 Oak and 6 Maple P.E is on Monday and Thursday.

Homework

We are aware of the higher standard of learning this year. Please let us know or encourage your child to speak to us for extra support when necessary. The homework is based on what the children can do in class or provides a challenge if your child is exceeding expectation.

Curriculum information for Spring 1

Writing

We have been studying the book 'The Inventions of Hugo Cabret' which is a graphic novel. The children have written a narrative story opening and a newspaper article reporting on the fire in the story. We are moving onto looking at discussion texts and how we can develop a balanced argument. We will base our writing around a question which the children will orally debate before writing.



Maths

Throughout this half term so far there has been a big focus on fractions—including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In the next couple of weeks, the children will begin to look at angles—recognising the different types and finding missing angles on a straight line, in a triangle and other shapes and around a point. We will be continuing to revise the four operations and their formal methods, as well as practising times tables and mental strategies to solve calculations easily.



Reading

This half term and moving into spring 2 there will be a big focus on children being able to fully comprehend what they have read using evidence from the text to help them. We have introduced APE (Answer, prove it, explain it) to help the children formulate clear and detailed answers to questions, including words and phrases from what they have read to support their ideas. Each class is continuing to study a book in guided reading sessions where they are all encouraged to read and discuss key questions.



Help at home

Please encourage your children to read every night and discuss their books through questioning.

Practise spellings with them, including correcting mistakes in their homework. Please check homework with your child to ensure they have understood the task and identify any areas for improvement.

Continue to learn times tables and related division facts—for those who are really secure, move onto numbers above 12.

