



# TERMLY NEWSLETTER

## Year Six

### Spring Term

## Literacy

This term the children's writing will focus mainly on non-fiction texts such as recounts, biographies and information texts.

Fiction writing will focus on the genre of sci-fi where we will investigate aspects of story writing including setting and characterisation.

We will look at how best to structure various types of writing so they suit their purpose. In addition, to prepare the children for the Grammar SATs, we will place an even greater emphasis on punctuation and the rules of English grammar.

We will also be familiarising the children with the structure and expectations of the Reading SAT paper.



the children's knowledge of the entire science curriculum to ensure a thorough grounding in preparation for secondary school.

## Humanities

This term's topic is 'The Tudors in our Local Area'.

This unit allows the children to undertake personal research projects and draw on their learning and enquiry skills from across the curriculum.

They will investigate key questions such as: "Who were the Tudors?", "What important Richmond landmarks are from the Tudor period?" and "What was Tudor life like?"

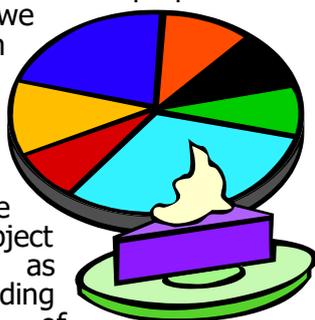
To compliment their studies, we will be visiting Hampton Court Palace and the site of Richmond Palace.



## Numeracy

Our focus in Numeracy this term will be to develop the children's abilities in applying their mathematical knowledge. To best prepare them for next term's SATs, we will be introducing them to the style and content they can expect to see.

We will continue to review and consolidate understanding of the core mathematical subject knowledge as well as introducing and expanding their understanding of concepts such as translation, ratio, proportion, probability, algebra, representing data and geometry.



## Science

The science this term will start with a look at forces, in particular - gravity and friction. Later we will explore reversible/irreversible changes and dissolving.

We will also continue the process of reviewing

## Lesson Equipment

All children should come to school with a pencil case and the necessary equipment for the day.

This should include: a blue handwriting pen (no biro), whiteboard pen, a pencil, sharpener, eraser and glue stick.

*We would appreciate contributions of a box of tissues to help combat the usual winter colds!*

## Computing

This term children will be building on their previous lessons in website design. They will create their own websites using HTML, CSS and a small amount of JavaScript.



## Religious Education

The children will look at the contemporary Anglican church and the message of hope that Easter brings to Christians.

In addition, the children will study the theme of "The Journey of life and death". We appreciate that this may be a sensitive subject for some children, so please do contact us if you have or foresee any concerns.



## PE

Lessons will cover general fitness training and the skills and tactics required for netball. Indoor activities will include the annual SMSP Dance Challenge.



## Art

The art focus will be 'People in Motion', looking at how artists depict movement in art.



## Music

The children will be learning about the musical traditions of the Tudor period. This will include looking at Tudor instruments and using musical frameworks to compose in the Renaissance style.



## PSHE

This term, the children will receive their lessons on human growth, puberty and sexual reproduction (in line with school policy). We have provisionally scheduled this for the week commencing 27th Feb, but will

advise parents of the time. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this topic.



## Home Learning

These tasks are designed to support the children in the securing of their learning and may take a range of forms, including open-ended investigations, preparatory research work or 'test-yourself' activities. We will also be making use of online resources, particularly in maths.

These tasks will be given out on a Friday and (unless told otherwise) is due back by the following Tuesday.

Please encourage your child to complete and hand-in their Home Learning on time. Where answers (for self-checking) have been provided, please support your children in using them appropriately.

## Key Dates

16th January	Trip - Hampton Court (6I)
19th January	Trip - Hampton Court (6R)
24th February	6I class assembly
3rd March	Year 6 cake sale
17th March	Trip - Magistrates Court
22nd March	Trip - Richmond Museum (6I)
22nd March	Isle of Wight & SATs meeting
23rd March	Trip - Richmond Museum (6R)

## Parents' Evening

Please be advised that this term, Parent Consultations will take place on the 7th and 9th February.

## PE Kits

P.E. kits will be needed in school every day.

Children require a pair of trainers and warmer clothing will be of benefit later in the term.

Your child may not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons without a full kit, including shoes.