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Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Curriculum

This term, in English, we are focusing on writing diaries and letters through our unit on The Windrush. We will also be becoming journalists and investigating some strange goings on with sightings of Spiderman. For Maths, we will be looking at number and measurement.

Spring 1	Spring 2
Science - Light	Science - Electricity
History - Vikings	
Computing – Quizzing	Computing – Word processing
Art – Still Life	DT – Electrical systems
PSHE – Keeping safe	PSHE – Rights and responsibilities
RE – Submission	RE – Salvation
PE – Dance	PE – Gym

Homework

Children will continue to complete tests from the SATs buster books on a weekly basis. As the children are becoming more confident with their arithmetic papers, we are now going to alternate between arithmetic and reasoning, so that they can practice applying their skills in the reasoning paper. The children are expected to work on anything they have found tricky in their arithmetic/reasoning paper, which comes home on a Friday. Your child should be reading at least four times a week and recording their summaries in their journals. We have encouraged the children to choose from a range of genres.

Spelling

The children are practising their handwriting and their spellings (spelling rule and the Y5/6 spelling words) every morning.

PE/ Fresh Air Friday

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon and on a Thursday, children need to come dressed in their PE kit wearing their school jumper. Earrings need to be removed or taped on PE days. We will be continuing with our outdoor learning in all weathers on a Friday, please ensure that your child wears their PE kit and brings their school shoes to wear inside the building. Please bring in waterproofs as needed.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform, including school shoes. Shoulder length hair should be tied back. Stud earrings are permitted, no other jewellery or make up is allowed.



Reading Journal

Reading expectations continue to be the same - we will expect children to read 4 times a week and for at least 15 minutes per session to build up reading stamina ready for secondary school. We are encouraging the children to widen their range of genres. Your child will either be reading a school library book or a book from the class library. We would like to use the reading journals to capture the breadth of reading. For example, it could be a summary of what they have read; questions raised from the reading; a prediction of what might happen next; words they have 'maggied' glossary of unknown words etc.

SATs

Your child will complete some mock SATs during the week beginning Monday 27th January 2025, this will enable them to get a feel of what to expect in May and see how the papers are set out. Please find the timetable for mock SATs below. We will be sharing the results during parents' evening in February. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher either at the classroom door or via the year group email: year6@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

YEAR 6 MOCK SATS TIMETABLE
27th – 31st January 2025

	Monday 27 th January 2025	Tuesday 28 th January 2025	Wednesday 29 th January 2025	Thursday 30 th January 2025	Friday 31 st January 2025
8:40	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
8:50					
	Punctuation and Grammar Test (45 mins)	Reading Test (1 hour)	Arithmetic Paper 1 (30 mins)	SWIMMING	Maths Paper 3 Reasoning (40 mins)
10:30	BREAK 10:30 – 10:45	BREAK 10:30 – 10:45	BREAK 10:30 – 10:45	BREAK 10:30 – 10:45	BREAK 10:30 – 10:45
10:45	Spelling Test (approx. 15 mins)		Maths Paper 2 Reasoning (40 mins)	SWIMMING	
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Hayward, Mrs Neumann
Year 6 Teachers

