

Spring Term 2015 Year 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring Term 2015.

This is a really hard and busy term for your children, not only do they have all curriculum areas to cover; they will also spend a great deal of time preparing for their SAT's. I have planned the term's work, lessons, projects, camp and SAT's preparation. I intend to start Literacy and Numeracy 'Booster' classes on Tuesday the 20th of January these will continue until the SAT's tests; sessions will usually take place on a Tuesday after school however I will be running alternative sessions for some during lunchtime with a different focus. These are additional support sessions where we will focus on answering SAT's questions. The children will learn how to manage their time and the 'techniques' to sitting the tests. Your child will be invited to different booster sessions as and when I feel it is appropriate, they may not be asked to attend all sessions. Mr Hesketh and I have consulted to try to ensure that most clubs do not coincide with the sessions, however Boosters do take precedence. The sessions will last for 1 hour and finish at 4.30pm. The sessions are not just to ensure children achieve level 4's, in some sessions I will focus on ensuring groups of children achieve level 5's and beyond! I would like to prepare the children so that when May arrives they will 'sail' through the week.

You may have seen the CGP Study books for SAT's in the shops. As a school we are able to purchase the books in bulk at a reduced rate. I strongly recommend your child has a CGP KS2 Science Study Book for use at home and school. This book would cost £3.00 if purchased by school. I am also happy to order the following CGP books allowing you to benefit from the reduced rate; Science Book (£3), Maths Study Book (£3), English Study Book (£3.00). Although not essential your child may find these books useful and allow them to gain extra practise as we move towards the SAT's. Please send the correct money in an envelope with your child's name on, stating the books you wish to purchase. If you wish to pay by cheque please make them payable to 'Breck School'.

The provisional date for the SAT's is Monday 11th May. I don't want any child to feel under pressure or anxious about their SAT's. I continually tell my class how wonderful they are and that I know they will all do their best.

In Literacy I intend to focus on the development of each child's comprehension skills. I will continue to assess children's writing and discuss with them what they need to do to move forwards to the next level.

In Numeracy I will continue to help each child to apply their skills and knowledge to all aspects of Numeracy especially 'problem solving' in real life situations.

During the first half of the term the children will be developing their key Geographical skills with a focus on The Americas.

In DT we will learn about food hygiene and we will put our skills to the test by making an American dish.

In Art we are going to investigate costumes that link with our class reader The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, we will look at the design process and different attachment techniques.

In Science we will be looking at the topic of microorganisms- linking with food hygiene in DT. In addition to this we will be revising many other topics ready for the Science test.

We use ICT for so much and it is integrated throughout all curriculum subjects. We are going to focus particularly on searching, gathering and interpreting information and use of the Internet and of course internet safety.

Our RE units focus on 'Life as a Journey' and we focus on Jesus as we move towards Easter. The children will discuss and share their ideas about forgiveness.

Our Music topic is called 'Performing Together', and our PHSE topics will focus on the children playing active roles as citizens and their relationships.

PE will play a big part of our Year 6 life as we begin to work harder and harder moving towards the SAT's term. Children will have lots of excess energy and I intend to fit as many sports/ PE sessions in as I can. I would appreciate PE kits being in school at all times.

We have booked the Year 6 summer camp for 13th – 17th July, just a reminder that payments can be sent into the office at anytime and full payment must be made no later than Monday 1st July.

Homework will continue and your children will start to bring home SAT's preparation material.

We are very lucky to have a student working in year 6 for the first half term. Many of you may know Miss Easter from breakfast and after school club, she is on third placement and will be teaching many of the foundation subjects.

Many Thanks

Miss K Moore, Miss Easter and Mrs Bennett.