

# Year 6 Newsletter (Spring)



Our topic this term is: **The Ancient Greeks**

- Rhino Class will be taught by Mrs Knight and supported by Mrs Church and Mrs Hardy
- Leopard Class will be taught by Mrs Govender and Mrs Hughes and supported by Mrs Church and Mrs Hardy

In class we will be learning about:

## **English**

Using literature linked to the text 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom' the children will complete a variety of work using different genres. They will also focus on a range of SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) activities in a stand-alone lesson once a week to help with preparation for their SATs. Guided reading sessions will take place 3 times a week.

## **Mathematics**

Written subtraction. Measures/Data. Fractions. Mental and written addition, subtraction and written multiplication. Times tables practice. **Please note the children will be set for maths and English in preparation for SATs. Extra maths focusing on SAT style questions once a week.**

**Science:** Learning about the changes that happen during puberty and human reproduction.

**History:** Researching the Ancient Greeks and exploring life during this period of history.

**Geography:** Studying the features and locations of volcanoes and where most earthquakes occur, as well as learning how to measure them.

**Art:** Focusing on Klimt and portrait design followed by Cubism inspired by Picasso and Braque.

**DT:** Textiles work, cooking as well as a graphics design project and making musical instruments.

**PSHE:** we will be looking at taking responsibility for our own safety and changing relationships. Our values this term are self-belief, friendship, happiness and kindness. Tim Peake will be Rhinos focus for British Values and Beatrix Potter will be Leopards.

**PE:** Multi-skills, gymnastics and dance. Our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesday. Please ensure your child brings their full PE kit. We suggest bringing your child's PE bag in on a Monday and taking home on a Friday.

**Music:** Studying the history of music from the Baroque period to the Modern Musical age as well as focusing/researching a period of music during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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Dates for your diary:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January-Rhino Class Assembly**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January- Leopard Class visit the Guardian Education Centre**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January- Rhino Class visit the Guardian Education Centre**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January- Leopard Class Assembly**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February- Dick Whittington theatre performance**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February- PTA Discos**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February- Last day of the half term**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February- half term**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February- children return to school**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- World Book Day**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March- Parent consultations**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March- Science Week**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March- Mock SATS Week**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Parent consultations**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March- Comic Relief**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- Greek Banquet**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April- last day of term**

## **Home Learning**

**Reading book:** your child's reading book will be changed daily if their diary is signed to say the book has been shared with an adult. Please remember that a copy of their reading target card will be in the back of their books for you too. They are expected to read 4x a week for at least 15 minutes.

**Maths homework** will be set on a **Thursday** due in the following **Thursday**.

**English homework** will be set on a **Friday** due in the following **Friday**. They will have to complete an English task along with learning their spellings. **Foundation homework** is also set half termly where the children have to complete one of the three tasks set within the half term, this is **not** optional.

## **Useful Websites:**

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk).

[www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>