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Dear Children, Parents/Carers,

Year 6 newsletter for Spring Term 2

Welcome back from your half term break! We hope you are all feeling refreshed, and that you are looking forward to another fun-filled term. Last term saw some fantastic learning experiences taking place in year 6. The children enjoyed such a variety of learning last term and were fantastic representatives of Abbey Road on so many occasions such as competing in cross country and representing the school at both pupil parliament and well-being events. In this letter we outline what is coming up this half term.

Dates for your diary:

Parents evenings: Tuesday 18th March & Thursday 20th March.

Year 6 Explorer Day – Friday 4th April 2025

Thursday 24th April – Whitby information evening for parents/carers

SATs week – Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May

Future date: Year 6 residential 20th May – 23rd May 2025

Maths: We will start the half term continuing working on algebra before moving on to looking at shapes, including angles in shapes.

English: Our English work will all be based around writing to entertain, persuade and inform. Within our writing lessons, children will have the opportunity to write a poem based on 'A Dreadful Menace', an instructional text on how to survive in the Antarctic and to write a motivational speech!

Science: All units will be based around a question which aims to inspire the children. In science this half-term, we will be learning about the circulatory system and lifestyle.

PE- Tag-rugby (Monday) and a further PE session with Miss Viles doing Archery (Thursday afternoons). We ask that children come to school in their PE kit on these days.

RE- The children will be exploring Muslim beliefs and answering the questions 'What do Muslims believe?'

Computing- This term the children will be completing our iData unit of learning. Within this, children will explore how spreadsheets can be used, how they can store data and how formula and graphs can be used/made.

ART: We will be looking at the work of an artist named Paul Klee and designing and making our own 'Rod Puppets'.

PSHE: This half-term we will be looking at our 'Dreams and Goals' unit. Children will consider the aspirations for the future.

Music: In this unit, pupils will explore the key musical features of the track 'You to me are everything' and develop an understanding of the term 'cover version'. We will then be looking at improvisation and body percussion, inspired by the traditional nursery rhyme, 'Twinkle, Twinkle'.

Geography: Our new Geography topic will be all about Antarctica. We will be learning about lines of latitude and longitude, and what makes Antarctica one of the most extreme places on Earth.

Homework- The children will be expected to read regularly throughout the week, discussing the content and expressing opinions on what they have read. We also expect the children to access EdShed at least 4 times a week to practice their weekly spellings. Spelling tests will be on a Thursday. Children should also practice their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars for 15 minutes across the whole week (not per day). There will also be an optional topic-based homework once a half term, details of which will be given nearer the time.

If you have any questions about this term, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

Year 6 Team

