



Year 6 Emerald Newsletter Spring Term 1



A New Year...

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year from all the staff in Year 6. We hope you had a wonderful break and a lovely holiday. As this is the final full term before our SATs, I can confirm we have hit the ground running. The children have returned from the break clearly refreshed and eager to work and it has to be said that we have had an excellent week filled with plenty of fun and lots of exceptional work!

Things will continue a-pace over the coming weeks as we look to develop our Writing, Reading and Mathematical skills in preparation for the SATs in May, but we are also very keen to keep things in perspective. As such, we have attached a copy of the letter the children received back in September which hopefully helps keep their priorities in check. Please read it with them as it tries to explain what we here at Fieldhead value about your child.

We are steadfast in our belief that...

the Year 6 SATs are not something that should cause stress or upset!

So, if you or your child have any concerns about the SATs during the upcoming months, please come and talk to us, we will be very happy to assist and offer help in in any way we can.

Once again, another huge thanks for all the learning logs completed over the holidays – some of them are brilliant. The work put in really does help inspire the children and the logs have already sparked a great deal of discussion about World War 2!

Thank you for all your support!

Mr. Elam, Miss Koch & Miss Kernick

Arrival & Attendance

Our attendance in Year 6 continues to be good rather than great, so a massive well done to the children receiving their 100% Attendance Certificates in assembly. We will always work to keep driving up our attendance and punctuality as being present is the first step towards making progress.

A quick reminder for everyone that doors open at 8:40am with registration closing at 9:00am and school finishing at 3:15pm.

Important Days & Dates

PE
THURSDAY

End of Half Term
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Pupil's Return To School
MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Behaviour

Behaviour and effort continue to be an area in which Year 6 can feel exceptionally proud and I make no apologies for repeating the fact that visitors to Fieldhead keep commenting on how hard the children are working and how polite they are. A huge congratulations to anyone who managed to stay **GREEN** all last half term, but we will not rest on our laurels however and we have set ourselves a challenge of having everyone at this half-term's Good to be Green reward event.

Here at Fieldhead, we believe that every child has the right to learn, so all children will follow the **Fieldhead Four Academy Rules**.

- 1. We will listen to the adults who teach and look after us so that we can learn and keep safe.**
- 2. We will keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.**
- 3. We will be calm and considerate to others in and around our academy.**
- 4. We will respect each other (be kind, gentle, polite and honest) and respect (look after) our school.**

At school we have a zero tolerance approach to bullying and unacceptable behaviour. Attendance and participation on trips and when representing the school, e.g. sport tournaments, is dependent on good behaviour in school.

Homework

Homework will relate to our work in class or be directly linked to the Year 6 SATs. It may be a challenge of some sort or it may be an online task, but homework should never take much longer than 30mins and if this is the case please ask your child to stop and come and ask for further assistance in school.

To give your child the best opportunity to succeed, homework should always be completed in a quiet area away from any distractions. If your child hasn't received any homework then extra reading practice or work on the times tables will always be very beneficial.

And AR quizzes, Mathletics and DBPrimary are always accessible from home!!!

PE

PE this half term will see us using hockey as a basis to investigate team games and strategy as well as develop our individual skills of dribbling, passing and shooting.

Our timetabled PE slot is Thursday afternoons so could you ensure your child has the appropriate kit and footwear in school.

If your child doesn't have the correct kit and footwear they may have to miss a session of PE for their own safety and that of the other children.

Curriculum

Maths will focus heavily on **decimals and percentages** this half term. We will look at understanding precisely how they relate to fractions before applying our skill to solving problems.

Our English work will be based around the harrowing tale of **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**, by John Boyne. The story of Bruno, a nine-year-old boy who goes on a journey of discovery and has to ask himself some very difficult questions.

As I'm sure you're aware our Learning Challenge revolves around the World War 2 and looking at the significance of the 8th May. We will be looking at the origins of the conflict as well as trying to see if we can understand why some very ordinary people ended up doing some extraordinary things.

