



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 6 Spring 1

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed your Christmas break and enjoyed the festivities of the last few weeks of term. Year 6 had a successful autumn term: they made Viking soup; went on their residential to PGL and performed a carol concert. Spring term is going to be just as busy although SATS revision will not start until part way through Spring 2. A letter will be sent home about a SATs presentation for parents that will outline what is required of the children. Until then, the children will be completing a new learning journey, based all around Mayan Civilization.

Here are some reminders and an outline of the term ahead:

Uniform

Please make sure that children are adhering to the uniform policy. All uniform, PE kit, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes should be clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost property. Please check uniform regularly to ensure your child has the correct jumper – and not someone else's.

PE - Wednesday Afternoons

Our P.E this term will be a mixture of dance and football. Please ensure your child wears correct PE kit to school each Wednesday – school jumper, coloured house t-shirt and black shorts or joggers.

Hoodies

Information regarding order Year 6 Leavers' hoodies will be sent out later this term. Please look out for a letter in the next few weeks about this. This year we will be operating an "online shop" direct with our supplier.

Homework

Children will continue to have a maths arithmetic homework, topic grid, weekly spellings to learn and home reading to complete. Children in Year 6 are expected to complete their homework each week to help prepare children for secondary school. Maths homework will now be marked in class at the start of every Wednesday maths lesson.

SATs Week

This year, SATs will run from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May**. Please ensure your child does **not** take holiday during school time during the lead up to SATs, as they will greatly benefit from the revision we will be doing.

Important Dates:

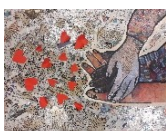
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Half-term
Monday 23rd February	Inset Day

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Dreelan Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein

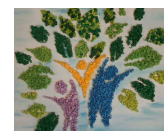
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At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 6	Mexico uncovered – The Mayans
Subject	Areas Covered
Reading:	The weekly guided reading sessions will focus on comprehension and understanding of texts including Holes by Louis Sachar, Non-fiction texts and Malamander by Thomas Taylor. We will also be continuing to look at test type questions and the texts that go alongside them.
Writing:	Most of our writing work this term will be based around the book Holes by Louis Sachar. We will begin with a non-chronological report about an imaginary lizard and then move onto creating a survival guide for how to survive Camp Green Lake.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures – length, mass and capacity • Ratio – identifying ratios and using ratio tables to solve problems • Volume – calculating volume of 3D shapes • Statistics – reading graphs (line and bar charts as well as pie charts) • Arithmetic – the children will continue looking at the four operations
Art	Frida Kahlo We will be looking at work by the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. The children will create self-portraits replicating her style using oil pastels.
Computing	Coding Using the microbits and microbit coding software, the children will create mini projects such as step-counters and timers. They will be creating algorithms and debugging problems.
Music	Calyпсо The children will be learning about calypso music, it's origin and famous musicians. They will learn to identify famous examples of calypso music. Developing their ability to keep and create different 8 beat rhythm as well as notation will be an important part of the unit. The children will listen to and compose their own music in a calypso style.
Science	Properties of Materials The children will be learning about what constitutes a material, what materials different common objects are made of and why and how we use different types of materials. They will carry out investigations to test the properties of materials and how this impacts the use of materials in our daily lives.
History & Geography	Mayan Civilisation The children will be learning all about the Mayan civilization. This will include where this civilisation fits chronologically and how their civilization compared to that of Britain at the same time. They will also look at where the Mayans lived and the geography of central America. Through investigating artefacts and historical sources, they will compare daily life and belief systems of the Mayan citizens with the Vikings. Finally, they will be looking at the Mayan legacy and what we have learned from them.
Physical Education	Football In football this half-term, the children will develop their control of the ball, varying passes and defense techniques As part of this, the children will further develop spatial awareness and balance. An important part of this will also be continuing to learn sportsmanship in this competitive game. Dance The children will further develop their ability to dance to a beat. They will be practising balance and thinking creatively. They will learn to dance in unison and canon, following and creating their own sequences.
My Happy Mind PSHE	Celebrate The children will be learn to acknowledge and appreciate our uniqueness and differences. They will be celebrating what makes us special as individuals.
R.E.	Creation and Stewardship The children have already begun to learn about the meaning of <i>stewardship</i> and its value in our world. The children will consider what this means to them in their own experiences. They will go onto to learn about how this concept relates to creation in both Christianity and Islam.

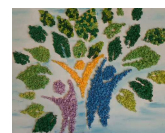
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DAY	YR 6 HOMEWORK SET	
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday	Spellings Maths Arithmetic Topic Reading	Children will have a week to complete their homework. If it is more than a day late then they will be expected to complete it at breaktime. If they cannot complete their homework at home on a particular week please send a note in their homework diary – we will find them time in school to complete it. *The homework timetable is subject to change due to teaching sequences.

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