

PE

During the colder months the children will be using the gym equipment to plan and perform short routines. It is important to ensure that your child brings their PE kit in every week. In year 6 this will be every **Thursday**.

Homework

Completed homework should be brought back to school on Tuesday and new homework will be issued on the same day. The purpose of homework will be to provide an opportunity for you to work in partnership with your child in their learning. Spellings should be practised daily and times tables are always worth quizzing!

Sometimes your child will have an additional 'talk homework' which is intended to prepare them for a writing activity at school. Please ensure you discuss and plan the writing activity with your child. The more you get involved, the more excited and prepared your child will be about the piece.

Reading

As always at Duncombe, we insist that children read at home every day, have their reading diary signed and return it to school. There are class books and library books for the children to bring home.

Thank you for your support!

Year 6 **Information for Parents**

Spring Term 1 2012



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to enclose information on what your child will be learning over the next half-term.

We are pleased to say that we have been really impressed with the effort the children are making across the year group. As a result, they have been making noticeable progress.

We would like to remind parents that this is a particularly important term and we are sure that you will continue to support and encourage your child.

Yours faithfully,
Lucy, Katija & Kirstie
(Year 6 Teachers)

Literacy

This year we will be following the new Literacy Framework. We will be focusing on the similarities and differences between several traditional tales from Bangladesh. These stories will provide a stimulus for some exciting narrative writing. We shall continue our work on vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP). As well as this, we teach the various question types involved in reading comprehension.

Maths

We will continue to follow the Primary Maths Framework to support teaching and learning in Maths. This half term there will be a particular focus on decimal numbers, area and perimeter and mental and written methods of calculation. Children will have more opportunities to apply their knowledge in different contexts. As always, children will have weekly mental maths tests.

Science

This term the children will consolidate work they have done on reversible changes before being introduced to irreversible changes such as burning. Later children will learn that there are many very small organisms called micro-organisms which feed, grow and reproduce and which may be harmful or beneficial. We will be focusing on their scientific investigative skills, as well as their knowledge and understanding.

Topic

This half term children continue their 'London' topic but with a focus on rivers. Some areas they will cover include: how we use water, the importance of rivers to human settlement, environmental issues regarding rivers. Children will have the opportunity to explore this topic through debate, drama, ICT and art as well as their writing.



French

Children will continue to receive weekly French lessons where they learn useful verbs and vocabulary to aid their conversational French. We are very lucky to have additional support from Simon, who has taught in France!

Music

Our specialist music teacher, Tara, was so impressed with the children's singing last term, she is thrilled to return this term. Children will continue to have lessons on Tuesdays, where they will have the opportunity to hone their control, pitch and confidence singing. This term we hope to be selected to take part in a choral singing performance with a professional orchestra.