



Term 2 in St David's Class Year 6!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you've all had a good half term (and that the children have recovered after residential!), and are looking forward to the busy term ahead of us. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or just want a quick chat I will be on the playground after school every day.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Knight

Topic

Our second term at a glance involves lots of learning in relation to 'What a War!' As part of this, we will be leading the Remembrance service (with the help of our Reception buddies), considering poetry linked to war, considering why the war happened and how it fits into our timeline; exploring more about evacuation and how local areas were used including what Kindertransport was. We will also be making Anderson shelters in DT so please start collecting recycling/junk for your child to use.

We are going to have a focus in our REACH Friday sessions on Parliament, laws and debating and as part of this, we will be having two local councillors come in and we will also be writing to our local MP. Christmas service preparation will begin too! So, all in all, it will be very action packed!

Reading Gives You Wings...

A big push for reading again. It is so important in life and in Year 6 as it helps to prepare them for the expectations at secondary school, as well as the SATS tests in May. I would love all of the children within Saint David's class to read 5 times per week, this could be to an adult outside of school or if they read by themselves e.g. before bed, you can question them afterwards and talk about what they have read. You are able to document this in the children's yellow reading diaries (they can also write in these), I will keep a close eye on these and will be checking them every Friday.

Blog

Check out our blog on the school website for up to date information on what we have been up to in class, and also some pictures!

All the residential photos are on there too.

Homework

Please encourage your children to do as much as possible as I am setting tasks to prepare them for the demands of Secondary School and also to sharpen their knowledge for SATS (happening in May).

Our homework will be set on a Friday (online on Teams) and this will include:

- Spellings – these will need to be practised at home ready for a test every Thursday.
- Maths or English work. This all needs to be completed and handed back in on TEAMS by the following Wednesday.
- SPaG – children will be set this on SPAG.com (an online platform). They will bring home log on letters to access this. **Please encourage your child to access this as it enables me to focus in on gaps in their knowledge.**

General Reminders...

Water bottles

- Last term we had lots of children forgetting their water bottles - they should be bringing a water bottle in to school every day. They are able to keep these on their table (just Year 6) to ensure that they are drinking throughout the day. Please make sure your child's bottle is named.

Uniform

- A reminder that we are now in Winter uniform which includes grey tights.

PE and Outdoor Learning

- PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure children wear their uniform to school. This includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts/joggers.
- On Thursday we will be doing Gymnastics and children need to: wear shorts (they could have these under some jogging bottoms if it is cold); have their hair tied up if it is long; and long fringes clipped back. They will have their shoes and socks off unless they have a verruca - but if it is treated they can be barefoot. No hoodies or long sleeves can be worn during the session either.
- Outdoor Learning will take place on a Friday. Please ensure waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies are in school for this. They need wellies in all the time now as they need them to go on the field at break times and lunch times.