



Term 3 in St David's Class



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you've all had a great Christmas break 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 most days. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Knight

Topic

Our third term at a glance involves lots of learning in relation to our topic 'On Top of the World'. We will be exploring light in Science and carrying out a range of experiments linked to this.

We are going to have a focus in our REACH Friday sessions on equality and fairness through considering a Mock Trial scenario; some of the class will be attending an event linked to this too. Also, we will explore Music Technology on a Friday and a teacher from 'The Music Works' (a local charity) is going to be coming in to work with the class using iPads – I think that this is something that they will really enjoy.

Reading

I am looking forward to hearing about any of the books that the class received over Christmas – they can also bring these in to read. As always, we continue to have a big push for reading. It is so important in Year 6 as it helps to prepare them for the expectations at secondary school, as well as the SATS tests in May. We would love all of the class to read 5 times per week to an adult outside of school as well as to read by themselves e.g. before bed. You are able to document this in the children's yellow reading diaries - I keep a close eye on these and check them every Friday. Any children fulfilling this task will be rewarded with a stamp towards their reading awards.

Homework

A reminder about homework. This really helps to develop children's ability to cope with homework in preparation for secondary school. Homework will be set on a Friday (online on Teams) including:

- Spellings - these will need to be practised at home ready for a test every Thursday.
- Maths, English or topic based work. This all needs to be completed and handed back in on the following Wednesday.
- SPaG – children will be set this on SPAG.com (an online platform).

General Reminders...

Water bottles

- Children should be bringing a water bottle in to school every day, and because they are Year 6, they are able to keep these on their table to ensure that they are drinking throughout the day.

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. **No stripes or Logos please and they should not be wearing a zip up blue hoody.**
- Although we are not doing outdoor learning this term, it is a good idea for them to have wellies in all the time as they need them to go on the field at break times and lunch times.

Blog

- Please take a look at what we have been up to on our class blog https://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/web/autumn_2_2024/700106