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# YEAR SIX Newsletter

## Homework

### Spellings

Spelling lists will continue to be given out and tested the following week; these can be found on the website and the Year 6 OneNote.

### Maths

Mathletics will continue for the children, with the expectation that they complete tasks set each week and subsequently earn a minimum of 500 points by 7 p.m. Sunday - we check their progress every Monday.

Times table tests will continue weekly on Thursday afternoons.

### Daily Reading

The children are expected to read daily at home making personal choices about the books they would like to read. They should aim to read for a minimum of 10 minutes every day at convenient times. There will be weekly comprehension homework set which will be due in every Friday. This should take around 30-40 minutes to complete.

### Creative Homework

1st half term – History -  
Britain since 1945  
(choose a decade!)

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! We'd like to say a big thank you for your generous gifts and cards at Christmas. The end of term was made extra special by the effort and commitment the children gave to their performance of 'Elf-ish'. We'd also like to thank you for the support you have given to the creative homework tasks. We have been truly amazed by some of the fantastic projects that have been brought in; the children have enjoyed sharing them and they are on display in our Y6 area if you'd like to pop in. This term is going to be a busy one for the children with an increased focus on familiarising children with the tests that they will do in May. We aim for the children to feel prepared and confident to achieve their best without worries. Please remember that our door is always open with any concerns you may want to share or anything you are uncertain of. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 15th January at our KS2 SATs Information Evening, when we will tell you in more detail about the nature of the tests. As you will be aware, there have been significant changes to the tests in recent years, in format and expectations, which we will share with you.

## Subject Overviews

### English

Our story-writing theme for this term is called 'Into the Woods'. The children will be learning about the origins of fairy tales and the elements that make a good fairy tale. To inspire the writing of their own modern tales, we will be watching the Disney film 'Into the Woods'. In reading and writing we will be looking at settings, character, plot development and speech; using our imaginations to write a new modern tale using known stories. After half-term, we will be looking at the work of William Shakespeare and our writing will be focused on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

This term we will be starting our Key Stage 2 Grammar and Spelling revision programme, consolidating all of their skills, ready for assessment in May.

### Maths

For the first half-term, we will be covering key skills within these topic areas: Decimals, Percentages and Measurement, including Area and Perimeter. After half-term, we will be looking at Algebra, Ratio, Geometry and Statistics. **It is essential that the children continue to secure their times tables facts. There are still a few children who are struggling with this and it hinders their calculation speed and confidence in lessons.**

## Events

### 5th January

Children's Panto

### 15th January

6pm - SATs

Information Evening

### 26th January

FONHS Movie

Night

### 5th February

6pm - KS2 Reading

Information Evening

### 8th February

Heroes & Heroines

Disco

### 21st February

Young Shakespeare

Company visit

### 22nd February

7pm - The Tempest

Y6 performance

Stantonbury Theatre

### 27/28th February

Parents' Evenings

### 1st March

World Book Day

### 12th March

Shakespeare Week

### 23rd March

Comic Relief

### 29th March

Easter Service

learning a new language.

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### Science

We are beginning the term studying 'Light' before moving onto 'Electricity'. The children will continue to develop their investigative skills and will be encouraged to research particular areas of interest to them.

### Computing

The children will revisit the Scratch coding software and begin to develop their independence in coding by taking blocks of code and applying them to create their own successful algorithms. We will then be working on computational thinking by using Micro-Bits to see their programming come to life.

### Humanities

We have a little more to cover about WWII before our History focus switches to learning about Leisure and Entertainment of the 20th Century. Be prepared for them to be researching the decades at the latter end of the century! During the term we will also be understanding the history around William Shakespeare as this will link with our English and Young Shakespeare work.

### PSHE

Our PSHE focus throughout the Spring term is on developing healthy relationships and valuing differences, alongside dealing with feelings and emotions that lead to improving self-confidence; this area of mental health and well-being is a subject that has had a lot of media coverage recently and we feel it is an integral part of every child's development.

### PE/Dance

Tuesdays will see the return of dance sessions to replace swimming. PE lessons will continue to be on Thursdays this term and we will be developing team game skills before switching to tennis once the weather warms a little. We try to take the children outside as much as possible for lessons so please ensure that they have an extra jumper or tracksuit in their bag.

### The Arts

The focus will be perspective drawings and landscapes. The children will be looking at a variety of photographs of buildings and views that show different perspectives. They will be taught step by step how to draw using one, two and three point perspectives. The children will also be exploring different styles and mediums for landscape painting. Our Drama sessions will be 'block' taught this term to allow the Shakespeare group to prepare for their performance in February, before switching to those who have not been involved to receive drama sessions after half term.

### French

This term we will continue 'Chez le docteur'. Pupils will practice their knowledge of the body, various illnesses and indeed their remedies! Hopefully this will result in some fabulous role plays. After half term we will begin 'Au supermarché', learning quantities and the different sections of the supermarket. All lessons will adopt a visual, auditory and kinesthetic approach to enhance

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