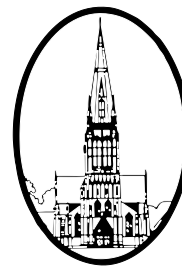


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*'Through God's love,  
we strive to be the best we can be.'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. This half term Mr Tittle will be on Paternity leave for the first two weeks which will mean Mrs McKelvey and Mr Bentley will be teaching the class.

### Curriculum Information Spring 1 – Year 6

<b>English</b>	Our new books this term are called Shackleton's Journey and Ice trap! Shackleton's incredible expedition. The children will continue to learn a range of grammar and spellings over the upcoming weeks. We are focussing on finding the meanings of new words in our key vocabulary for this half term.
<b>Maths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics</li> <li>• Decimals, fractions and percentages</li> <li>• Ration and proportion</li> <li>• Averages</li> <li>• Geometry</li> </ul>
<b>RE</b>	This unit gives pupils an introduction to the basic beliefs and practices of the Sikh faith. Pupils are given the opportunity to develop their own understanding of what they believe about belonging and making commitments.
<b>Topic</b>	Our new topic is a Science unit, we be learning about Evolution and inheritance.
<b>PSHE</b>	This half term we will be focussing on keeping ourselves safe and understanding the difference between legal and illegal drugs. Our SEAL theme is Going for goals.
<b>PE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor PE (Wednesday) Competitive games</li> <li>• Outdoor PE (Friday) Competitive games</li> </ul>
<b>Music</b>	Pupils will learn about the history and key features of the blues, and perform C Jam Blues as a class.

Spanish	The children will be learning about food and how to create their own menu's.
Homework	Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following <b>Thursday</b> . Reading records will be expected in every <b>Friday</b> .

## How can you help at home?

### PE

Your child's PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit on **both** of these days.

**Friday** will be outdoor PE even in cold weather so you might want your child to have a jumper and/or jogging bottoms.

### Homework and home reading

Homework will be sent out every **Friday** and returned the following **Thursday**.

Children are expected to read on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading log to say that they have done this. The Reading Record needs to come in every **Friday** with the whole week signed for.

### Drinking water and fruit

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings in a **named** water bottle in school. Your child is also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

### Punctuality

Finally, we would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. So far we have been really impressed by the punctuality and attendance of Year 6!

Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. If you would like your child to be able to go home alone then please speak to Ms Kennedy in the school office. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

We look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to us in the playground after school or make an appointment at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Tittle & Mr Bentley