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YEAR 6 SPRING 2025

Dear Parents / carers,

First of all, we would like to wish you all a happy new year and welcome the children back to their final year of their Bishopton journey.

One of the main focuses for the new year, as throughout the school, will continue to be reading. Reading needs to be maintained as this is key in a child's development in all subject areas. As always, taking the time to discuss what your child is reading with them is of great value; not only does it ensure they are fully understanding what they are reading but it helps them to communicate their ideas and opinions. We will be exploring a range of books in our 'Book Families' during lessons where discussion of what we are reading will be encouraged and the children will now be able to access our new 90 Books to Read Before You Grow Up section of the school library.

In Numeracy we will continue to develop arithmetic and reasoning skills using our mastery approach with the Power Maths books. We will be covering decimals and percentages, geometry, ratio and percentage and algebra. We will then be moving on to ensure all areas of the maths curriculum are covered in preparation for the Year 6 SATs exams in May. Children will continue to work on their Schofield and Simms Mental Maths books as part of their homework. I would also like to take this opportunity to recommend additional SATs preparation books- these will not only help your child for their Maths exams in May but will also ensure your child is confident with all areas of the Maths curriculum in preparation for Year 7.

In Literacy during the Spring term we will be focusing on dystopian fiction- Floodlands and later in the term we will be reading the factual book Shackleton's Journey. During the second part of the Spring term we will be reading the non-fiction book Black and British which gives an excellent insight into Black British History and will also offer opportunities for writing a range of genres based on our reading. We will also be developing our reading and comprehension skills by discussing and studying different writing styles of authors.

During the Spring term we will also be splitting the Year 6 cohort into smaller groups for specific SATs preparation work (30-40 minutes for 4 sessions per week). These sessions will be used to help children work on specific areas of need in preparation for their SATs test and areas that need consolidating before moving into Year 7. An email will be sent out regarding the extra resources we will be purchasing so all children have access to the SATs preparation material.

In Science we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance and investigating how different species have evolved and what has caused them to do this. In the second part of the term we will be learning about the heart and the circulatory system.

In Geography we will be learning about Frozen Kingdoms and the polar regions. We will be looking at aspects of both physical and human geography and studying the environmental impact on these polar regions.

During this term the children will be having their PE lessons on Mondays. This will be indoor PE. Could you please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit - either school kit or a plain T-shirt.



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In languages we will be learning French and developing language and pronunciation skills. Children will be encouraged to use their previous learning in French to help them develop their conversational language skills.

In PSHE we will be exploring the theme of Dreams and Goals and working on developing skills in resilience.

Last term, we were able to purchase some Fairground Ride kits as a result of your very kind donations towards our Break the Rules fundraiser. The kits are perfectly suited to our Year 6 classes and will develop and inspire their creative thinking and develop their engineering skills. Therefore, our DT lessons will consist of developing and building upon the pupil's fairground ride designs taking into account modifications to the design, enhancements using electrical circuits and a review of the design and making process.

Computing lessons will involve children creating their own picture based quizzes for younger children, to learning how to use question types, to explore grammar quizzes and making a quiz that requires players to search a database. At the end of the unit they will engage in a range of activities based on National E-safety week commencing on Monday 10th February.

Spelling will be done on Monday and the next set of words will be emailed home that day so please ensure your child has access to the new words. The spelling rules and techniques for learning these words will be taught in class but it is important that these are practised regularly at home.

Information regarding parents' evenings this term, including dates, will be released in due course.

We look forward to a successful and happy year ahead of us,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Graver, Mrs Charman and Mrs Jones