



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Six

Spring Term 2018
Curriculum News letter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you are all well rested and have enjoyed a good Christmas break. This term will probably be the hardest working of all the terms at Rhodes Avenue so far, so your continued support with all things school related will be especially welcome! We aim to cover a great deal of new concepts this term which will support the children both in their transition and in their upcoming tests. Therefore it is really important that children have as few absences as possible and are punctual.

In **English** we are continuing to focus on fiction and non-fiction reading and writing. We will also continue developing specific reading skills as well as addressing grammar concepts.

In **Maths** we will follow the new Key Stage 2 maths curriculum. We will also focus on revising past SATs papers. Children will be bringing home completed papers which have been marked. They will be asked to work on their corrections on the paper as homework. Please support your children during this time. We ask that parents sign their child's corrections before they are returned to school. We would also like to politely ask parents to not do past SATs papers at home with children before we complete them as we use them as a way of assessing gaps in the children's knowledge. Obviously any other support that you can offer your child at home is very gratefully received!

In **Science** we will be revising and extending the children's understanding of living things and their habitats, animals including humans, evolution and inheritance, dissolving, light and electricity. We will focus on developing children's knowledge and understanding and also on developing their investigative skills.

Our topic is 'Born Free'

Our topic for this term is 'Born Free'. This topic focuses on human and civil rights. We will be working on several Amnesty International projects based on current global human rights issues as well as looking at the Civil Rights Movement in the USA in the 1950s and 1960s. We will also investigate key leaders in civil rights and human rights movements.

In **ICT** pupils will be encouraged to stay safe on the internet and we will be doing lots of work around e-safety.

In **PE** our focus will be on gymnastics and Games. Please can you ensure that your child has a full, labelled PE kit at school, so that they can participate fully in sessions. Even though it is cold, we will still sometimes be going outside for games, so please can you ensure that your child has a suitable outdoor PE kit in school.

It is essential that children have their PE kits in school everyday. This includes a Rhodes Avenue T-shirt (available from the school office), shorts, jogging bottoms, warm top and

appropriate footwear. Children will be asked to remove or cover earrings before taking part in their PE session.

Homework will continue to take a number of different forms. There will be homework set to reinforce the learning taking place in Maths. Maths homework will now also include the correction of SATs papers. Your child will sometimes bring some papers home in order to make necessary corrections. We ask that you sign this paper to acknowledge the corrections and ask that you remind your child to return it to school. Maths homework will continue to be set on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Spelling tests will continue to take place on a Tuesday. Grammar homework will also be set on Mondays and will be due in the following Monday so pupils need to have their yellow grammar folders in school on Monday.

It continues to be important for you child to read on a regular basis and record their reading in their planners; your support in ensuring this is implemented is much appreciated. Planners are monitored on a Friday. Please help your children to remember to bring their planners to and from school every day.

Important Spring term dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 23 rd January 2018	Science Museum Trip
Wednesday 7 th March 2018	Parents Evening
Thursday 8 th March 2018	Parents Evening
Friday 9 th February 2018	PGL Parents Meeting – 3.00pm
Monday 16 th April – Friday 20 th April	PGL Caythorpe
Monday 14 th May – Friday 18 th May	SATs week

Other Information

Caythorpe Residential

The trip to Caythorpe takes place during the week of 16th April 2018. Further information will be given out shortly containing details of the activities on offer, requests for medical and dietary requirements as well as the kit required by the children. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the trip at a short meeting – date above.

SATs

And finally a brief word about SATs! Clearly as a school, we want to perform well in the end of year tests, however, more importantly, as educators, we want your children to achieve their full potential. Our aim is therefore to prepare the children thoroughly for the tests so that they can approach them with a real sense of confidence, but at the same time do our best to avoid any unnecessary anxiety.

Healthy Schools

As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School please ensure that you child's playtime snack is fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Water will always be available during the school day, however, we are happy for you to bring into school a bottle of water clearly labelled.

Thank you for all your help and cooperation. If you have any questions or queries, please do remember we are always here to help. Please speak to a member of the team to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Best wishes for a successful term.

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