

Happy New Year and welcome back for the Spring term! We hope you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for an exciting term of learning, teamwork and creativity.

**PE days: Wednesday and Friday**

Please make sure kits are ready for both indoor and outdoor sessions, all children should have warmer clothes for the outdoors (jumpers & coats) and don't forget spare shoes for muddy days!

**Homework is set on a Thursday and due the following Thursday.**

Spellings: Ed shed (online) and/ or practise sheet (offline)

Reading: Daily practise (from any book) – record in reading record.

Mathletics: Activity set weekly to be completed.

TTrockstarz: 10 minutes daily

Spelling tests will be on a Thursday.

Last term Quartz class regularly came top of the leader board for Ed Shed so we need to keep up the hard work!

**English**

In English, we are sharpening our comprehension and inference skills through some exciting exploration of lighthouses while also preparing confidently for the SATs.

In writing, pupils will explore non-chronological reports inspired by *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide* and *Terra Ultima: the discovery of a hidden continent*. They will also write creatively to entertain and construct balanced arguments. There is a strong focus on vocabulary, structure and authorial voice — expect some wonderfully thoughtful and imaginative writing!

**Humanities (Geography): Biomes**

Year 6 geographers are heading on an exciting journey as we explore biomes and climate zones from around the world. Pupils will discover how climate affects vegetation, animals and the way people live, and how living things adapt to survive in different environments. Through hands-on activities, creative projects and thoughtful discussion, pupils will learn about ecosystems, environmental challenges and how we can protect these precious habitats for the future.



**Maths: Measures, algebra, ratios and decimals**

In Maths, Year 6 are tackling some exciting (and important!) concepts. We are working on converting measures (including metric and imperial), exploring algebra, deepening our understanding of ratio, and developing accuracy with decimals. Pupils are encouraged to explain their thinking, apply their skills to real-life problems, and build confidence ready for secondary school — lots of mathematical reasoning on show!



**Science: Evolution and Inheritance**

In Science, we are delving into the fascinating world of evolution and inheritance. Pupils will learn how living things have changed over time, how traits are passed from parents to offspring, and how adaptation helps species survive. Using real-life examples (and some excellent discussions), pupils will explore fossils, variation and natural selection. This unit really encourages curiosity and scientific thinking — perfect for our budding scientists!



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'All individuals matter'

**Ready, Set, Go!**

PE lessons are full of energy this term as we continue with athletics and start gymnastics. In athletics, pupils are developing speed, stamina and technique across running, jumping and throwing events.

In gymnastics, they are working on strength, balance and control while creating and refining sequences. Teamwork, resilience and personal challenge are key — it's wonderful to see pupils encouraging each other and celebrating progress.

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Our parental engagement is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 14:45.

**Music: Music tech and performance**

Music is all about teamwork this term as we prepare to perform our collaborative song on the ukulele and look into the technical side of this subject with Mr Roberts.

**DT: Textiles**

With our needles ready and fabrics prepared, we will be re-finishing our sewing skills further this term with Mrs Jones to create something quite special.

**ICT: How the Internet Works**

In ICT, Year 6 are becoming internet experts! We begin by learning how information is addressed and sent across the internet before exploring how data is broken into packets and reassembled. Pupils will collaborate on shared online projects and compare different ways of communicating digitally. A strong focus is placed on **online safety**, helping pupils understand how to communicate responsibly and decide what is safe to share in the digital world.



**Our Place in the World**

In PSHE, we'll explore the importance of health and well-being and why it is important to take care of ourselves.



In RE, we'll learn about religions around the world, and looking at the big question: 'What do people believe?'



In French, we'll be learning how to talk about the home and all the things within it!