



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Happy New Year

### Curriculum

This term, in English we will be becoming journalists and investigating some strange goings on with sightings of Spiderman. We will also be focusing on character and setting description using The Golden Compass as our visual literacy. For Maths, we will be looking at number and measurement.

<i>Spring 1</i>	<i>Spring 2</i>
<b>Science</b> – Light	<b>Science</b> – Electrical systems
<b>History</b> - Vikings	<b>Geography</b> – Human geography - settlements
<b>Computing</b> – Word processing/blogs	<b>Computing</b> – Spreadsheets – using Excel
<b>Art</b> – Still life – Viking	<b>DT</b> – Electrical systems
<b>PSHE</b> – Keeping myself safe	<b>PSHE</b> – Rights and responsibilities
<b>RE</b> – Submission	<b>RE</b> – Salvation
<b>PE</b> – Dance/Gym/Dodgeball	<b>PE</b> – Tennis

### Homework

Children will continue to complete tests from the SATs buster books on a weekly basis. As the children are becoming more confident with their arithmetic papers, we are now going to alternate between arithmetic and reasoning, so that they can practice applying their skills in the reasoning paper. The children are expected to work on anything they have found tricky in their arithmetic/reasoning paper, which comes home on a Friday. Your child should be reading at least four times a week and recording their summaries in their journals. We have encouraged the children to choose from a range of genres.

### Spelling

The children will be encouraged to attach their weekly spellings in the journal as well as keep a record of their personal spelling progress through the spelling lists in the middle. Please ensure the reading journal is in school daily. The children will be sent home with 10 spellings a week, we do not test the children on these, but we do expect them to work on the words that find tricky. We would encourage children to use the different strategies to practise at home.



### PE/ Fresh Air Friday

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon and on a Friday, children need to come dressed in their PE kit wearing their school jumper. Earrings need to be removed or taped on PE days. We will be continuing with our outdoor learning in all weathers on a Friday, please ensure that your child has additional layers, **school shoes to wear inside the building** and waterproof clothing.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform, including school shoes. Shoulder length hair should be tied back. Stud earrings are permitted, no other jewellery or make up is allowed.

### SATs

Your child will complete some mock SATs during the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, this will enable them to get a feel of what to expect in May and see how the papers are set out. We will email the mock SATs timetable out to you the week before, which we will be sharing with the children in class.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher either at the classroom door or via the year group email: [year6@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:year6@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

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