

Year 6 Newsletter



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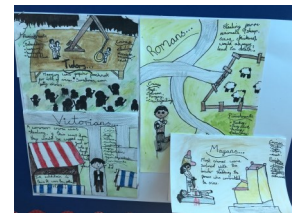
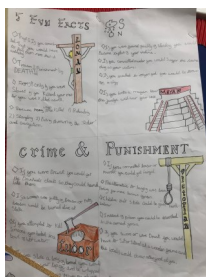
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Welcome back to the Spring Term!

We have had a fantastic last half term and it was such a pleasure to watch the children immerse themselves into the world in which we have come from. Crime and punishment has definitely caught the imagination of the year group and it was brilliant to watch their documentaries that they carefully scripted, drafted, acted, filmed, recorded and edited.

Take a look at some of the amazing home learning projects from our topic.



2 topics this term!

Blackfish

SeaWorld



Our journey begins in Orlando, Florida, visiting one of its most well known and loved attractions, the Killer Whale (or Orca) show at the famous SeaWorld. However, as we begin to find out, things are not just as it may seem at SeaWorld. Throughout this topic, we will explore the controversial issues surrounding using Orcas (and other sea mammals) in captivity, used for entertainment, leading us to write a range of genres. What is your opinion? Let's share our thoughts and protest either for or against SeaWorld's famous shows.

It's More Than Just Words



Taking fantasy language to new heights, you will be exploring a dark tale which is full of suspense and looky characters. How would you feel to have buttons for eyes?! You will be unpicking the genre of fantasy and developing a wealth of vocabulary to use within your own tantalising tale. Shading and sketching will be essential when developing your carefully detailed illustrations—this creepy yet exciting topic will have you hanging on the edge of your seats.

In case you missed it...

Date	Activity
Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 15 May	English reading
Wednesday 16 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 17 May	Mathematics paper 3

The tests will take place in the classrooms. All of the walls will be covered with dust sheets so that the children cannot access the work below it and we will be using the 3 classrooms and outside shared spaces. There will be plenty of adults to read any questions and to ensure that the children are feeling positive about the day - just remember, it is no longer than 1 hour per day for 4 days!

We will provide breakfast each morning during SATs week for a small cost, and we will be asking that all children attend this from 8:15 each day as a way to help themselves relax (as much as possible anyway).

Changing weather

It is already getting a little warmer (yay!) and we ask that children are bringing water bottles to school during the forthcoming spring/summer months. Bottles must only be filled with water. If your child does not like water, there are many clear flavoured waters which are acceptable.



Also, after running around at lunchtimes and PE, children can get a little sticky which is not pleasant for anybody in a warm classroom. We encourage children to wear deodorant each day and be mindful of personal hygiene. If children choose to bring deodorant for PE lessons, it must be a roll-on and please, no spray/can deodorants.

Thank you!

Dates for the diary

4/3/19—Parent's Evening 3:30—7pm

5/3/19—Parent's Evening 3:30—5pm

15/3/19—Red Nose Day

19/3/19—Dress up as a book character for World Book Day

19/3/19—25/3/19—Book Fair in school

4/4/19—Whole School Easter Assembly—1:45pm start, everyone is welcome

6/4/19—22/4/19 —Easter Holidays



N.B Please name all your child's clothing

PE this term

Our PE day is a **Tuesday and Wednesday**

All children need to bring a **full PE kit each week** as the session will be split into an indoor and outdoor session. The School PE uniform is:

Plain white T-shirt (no logos or slogans or pictures)

Plain, dark coloured shorts or jogging bottoms

A pair of outdoor sport pumps or trainers

A plain jumper (for outside only)

We encourage children to bring a separate jumper for PE rather than their school jumper to avoid their uniform getting hot, sweaty and dirty during their PE sessions

PE is statutory within the curriculum therefore all children will participate. A spare kit from school will be provided for your child to wear that day if they fail to bring an appropriate kit or they will have to participate in their uniform and a letter will be sent home to inform you of this.