

Year 6 Newsletter

Spring 1



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Wow!

A fantastic start to the year with all of the children producing some great work. Here are just a few pictures from our Science lesson looking at the heart and how it works:



If they haven't already please ask your child about the lesson and get them to explain how the heart works.

Welcome back and Happy New year!

We have had an amazing first term in year 6 and all the staff are so impressed by the children's work and attitude towards their learning.

Please can you make sure your children are regularly reading and practising their times tables at home.

Diary Dates

Key Stage 2 SATS—All children in year 6 will need to be in school every day.

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3

During SATs week, we will be running a free breakfast club to ensure children are in school on time and have a healthy breakfast before taking their tests. We will send out more information about this closer to the time.

English

This half term we will be reading the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We're sure that the children will love this modern American classic and it will give us a great stimulus for our writing alongside using extracts from Oliver Twist and Alice in Wonderland.

We will continue to focus on reading a wide range of shorter extracts to develop the children's comprehension skills as well as promoting reading for pleasure to all the children.

Science

As scientists this half term, we will be exploring 'Living Things' and their classification.

The children will through direct observations where possible, classify animals into commonly found invertebrates (such as insects, spiders, snails, worms) and vertebrates (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals). They will discuss reasons why living things are placed in one group and not another. They will also be looking in the local area for habitats and the types of living things found there.

In PSHE

This half term, we will be focusing on Dreams and Goals. The children will be looking at their aspirations and how they can identify their strengths and set challenges for themselves!

Maths

This half term the children will be initially looking at units working with the four operations. These skills are vital to help children to build and problem solve and use in other areas of math. We would really hope that at this point of the year that you will be supporting your child with their times tables knowledge of all 12 tables. If you need any ideas at home on how to help please drop in or send us an email.

The second half of the half term, we will be continuing to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. We know that this can sound scary for some children but as soon as we look at these areas the children are amazed at what they can do as it is much easier than it sounds.

Computing

This half term, children will be programming using a program called Scratch.

We are so lucky that Scratch is something children can use at home if they have access to the internet.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Geography

As we are studying American Literature this term, we will be looking at the desert environment in Texas to support the children's understanding of what it would be like to be there. We will also be looking at other areas of importance in North America.