



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Year 6 Spring

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed your Christmas break and enjoyed the festivities of the last few weeks of term. Year 6 had a successful autumn term: they dissected hearts; completed Bikeability training; went on their residential to PGL and performed a carol concert. Spring term is going to be just as busy although SATS revision will not start until March. A letter and timetable will be sent home about a SATs presentation for parents that will outline what is required of the children. Until then, the children will be completing their Mayan projects. Some reminders and an outline of the term ahead:



Uniform

Please make sure that children are adhering to the uniform policy. All uniform, PE kit, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes should be clearly labelled to avoid a build up of lost property. Please check uniform regularly to ensure your child has the correct jumper – and not someone else’s!

PE - Thursday afternoon

Our P.E this term will be a mixture of dance, basketball with the Reading FC coaches and Mrs Sullivan will take groups of children to experience squash coaching. Please ensure your child wears correct PE kit to school each Thursday – school jumper, coloured house t shirt and black shorts or joggers.

Hoodies

We will be placing our order for end of year hoodies and t shirts early this year so that they are available for the children as soon as SATs are complete. Please look out for a letter in the next few weeks about this

Homework

Children will continue to stick their homework in their homework diary each week. There will be 2 pieces of maths homework plus a piece of topic homework this half term, along with weekly spellings to learn and home reading to complete. Children in Year 6 are expected to complete their homework each week - to help prepare children for secondary school, if it is not completed at home, they will complete it in school at break time. Children who have completed their weekly reading will be rewarded with an extra 15 minute extra break each week.

SATs week

This will run from **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May**. Please ensure your child does not take holiday during school time during the lead up to SATs, as they will greatly benefit from the revision we will be doing.

Important Dates...

Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half term
Monday 19 th February	Inset Day

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Dreelan

Mrs Sullivan

Miss Dadral

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Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 6	Mexico uncovered – The Mayans
Subject	Areas Covered
Reading:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Select and Retrieve - Summarise and respond - Inference and the use of language - Inference and justify <p>Texts- Clockwork, Holes, Orphans of the Tides, Mortal Engines</p>
Writing:	<p>Clockwork – short writing outcomes with a grammar focus</p> <p>Holes – non chronological report and a survival guide</p>
Mathematics	<p>Co-ordinates – plotting and reading co-ordinates, identifying missing co-ordinates</p> <p>Measures – length, mass and capacity</p> <p>Ratio – identifying ratios and using ratio tables to solve problems, including upsizing recipes</p> <p>Volume – calculating volume of 3D shapes</p> <p>Roman Numerals – translating both from and into Roman Numerals</p> <p>Statistics – reading graphs (line and bar charts as well as pie charts)</p> <p>Arithmetic – the children will also work on consolidating their arithmetic skills in the 4 operations, fractions and percentages</p>
Art and design	Self-portraits in pastels, inspired by a study of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.
Computing	Discovering micro:bits (coding software)
Music	Calypso music – listening to and composing our own music
Science	<p>Properties of materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what things are made of - how we use different types of materials in everyday life - carrying out investigations into how they can be used to help in our daily lives.
History & Geography	<p>The history and geography of the Mayan civilisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - looking at artefacts and sources to compare the daily life and belief systems of the Mayan citizens with the Vikings - looking at reliability of artefacts, and what makes something of historical value - where the Mayans lived
Physical Education	<p>Basketball – throwing/ catching, spatial awareness, competitive game play</p> <p>Dance – Mayan inspired war dances</p>
HeartSmart / PSHE	<p>Too much selfie isn't healthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what is appropriate to share - how we can be kind about what others have chosen to share with us.
R.E.	<p>Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - comparing stories of the creation in both Christianity and Islam

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