



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

April 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an excellent Spring Term and I know everyone in Year 6 is looking forward to the next half term including the SATs and all our hard work coming together. All children are fully prepared and the week will go smoothly and with as little stress as possible, I am confident it will be just like a normal week. ☺

We enjoyed the whole school theme of Alice in Wonderland and the Year 6 performance was a highlight, I was very proud of all the efforts they made.

Next term we will have a brand new, exciting topic which we will share with the year 5 children. In order to create an air of mystery, we are keeping the theme a secret until the children return from the Easter Break; details will be available on the web-site once the term is underway.

Year 6 Bikeability will be week beginning **28<sup>th</sup> April 2014**, please check all details that have previously been corresponded and if there are any problems, including children not having a bike helmet, please contact me as soon as possible.

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME – To Be Revealed**

To be revealed on the website

### **KEY VOCABULARY FOR LEARNING THEME:**

To be revealed

### **LEARNING SKILLS – Thinking Skills**

The main focus will be based on these statements:

- I can put forward credible conclusions from information gathered;
- I can compare and contrast different points of view;
- I can build on the ideas and suggestions of others to generate ideas.
- I can talk about the strengths and weaknesses of different ideas – my own and those of others.

### **NUMERACY**

The main maths objectives will cover all topics and will act as a revision in preparation for the SATs in May. Some topics will be covered in more detail depending on the needs of the class. After May we will work on more investigative projects. We will continue our focus on mental maths and times tables with the aim of improving speed and rapid recall and will introduce a more structured times tables system after Easter. Revision sessions will continue for the first few weeks, Mrs Frost and Miss Beach will both support maths lessons and Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Cockerill will provide additional support for groups of identified children.

### **LITERACY**

We will continue with a wide variety of assessed writing and revision session as we prepare for SATs. During Literacy, we will be using the National Literacy Framework and continue to cover the revision units of all text types to ensure that children have a wide range of evidence and have a thorough understanding of each text type. There will be many drama and writing opportunities based around our new and exciting topic, which is a series of books and I expect children to continue their hard work towards improving their writing and will continue collecting evidence towards my teacher assessment. We will continue with regular taught grammar and spelling sessions (SPAG) and provide additional booster sessions for identified children with Mrs Locke and Miss Odain.



## **ICT**

Children will continue to access the class set of Netbooks to support and develop their learning across the curriculum and complete writing assessments. Children will enhance their skills by looking at using programs such as Word; PowerPoint and Microsoft Programs. Children will regularly access the Internet as a source of information and to develop their skills of scanning and retrieving key information; taking notes and recording information in their own words. Children will also utilise E-Learning programmes to practise and apply skills learnt across the curriculum. E-safety is of great importance and will be imbedded into all ICT and will be focused on specifically in PSHE and Internet safety units will be taught.

## **PE**

Children will continue to partake in two hours of PE each week. Please remind your child that they should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday, **leave it in school all week** then take it home to be washed on a Friday. This way, if we choose to do extra PE, the children will have their kit in school. Can we remind you that school rules state that for the safety of your child, earrings need to be removed for PE (which needs to be done independently) or plasters (provided by home) need to cover the earrings. Children with long hair will also be asked to ensure that it is tied back. I will aim to continue with an indoor and outdoor session and due to the weather continuing to be unpredictable, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor kit including tracksuit bottoms, hoody/sports top, spare socks, gloves and suitable trainers.

## **READING**

It is imperative next half term that you continue to encourage your child to read a variety of texts, including *stories, non-fiction, magazines, comics, children's newspapers and poetry*. Please continue to ensure your child reads at home at every opportunity as I know that the children that have read regularly and taken advice have continued to make more progress than those that haven't read as much as I have suggested. There will continue to be extra provision on a Wednesday for some children to have reading time with an adult but this is extra provision and home reading is just as, if not more, important. Some children have shared their favourite books and I am more than happy to continue making recommendations for what your child may enjoy, please ask.

## **HOME LEARNING**

Your child will receive an activity in their Learning Logs and one Learning Log per class is chosen to be shared in the whole school assembly on Thursday. Your child will also be awarded House Points for the work produced in their Learning Logs. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child. In addition, I will continue to set key skills literacy and/or numeracy homework.

Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in by Tuesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. I expect the Year 6s to have responsibility for completing their home learning each week and responsible for being organised in preparation for secondary school.

**I hope you have an excellent Easter break, it is my favourite holiday and that is not just because of the chocolate eggs! I expect all children continue with any final revision but also have plenty of opportunities to enjoy time outside in the sunshine (hopefully) and enjoy rest periods. I look forward to welcoming the children back after Easter, for their final Summer Term at Norwood.**

Yours sincerely

Mr Robertson  
Class Teacher

Mrs Frost  
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Locke  
Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Miss Beach  
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds  
Head Teacher

