



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased with the progress made by the Year 6 children and know that with hard work and dedication that this progress will continue in the coming months as we prepare for the challenge of the SATs and the transition to Secondary School.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – Jungle Book

There will be a new whole school topic next half term which is based around the Rudyard Kipling story of Jungle Book. Each class will have their own specific focuses within the different areas of the curriculum. This theme will again be linked across our wider curriculum work and will be the basis for our whole school production.



Areas of study for the second half of the spring term will include:

- Character description
- Jungle Book themed geography, art and science
- Film and narrative comparisons
- Play scripts and performance

KEY VOCABULARY FOR LEARNING THEME:

Character, plot, film, narrative, playscript, performance, poetry, novel, jungle, rainforest, adaptation, eco-system, food chain, conservation, camouflage, environment, carnivorous, mammal, amphibian, naturalist speaking and listening, drama

MATHS

Maths will continue to be taught daily in class and in addition 'Big Maths' will continue to be delivered in ability groups across the school. The main objectives next half term will cover all topics, in particular word problems, number, measurements, fractions and geometry. Some topics we have not yet covered include equations, algebra, ratio and proportion, shape and time. We will also be revising topics in preparation for the SATs in May. We will continue to focus on mental maths and times tables with the aim of improving speed. Mrs Frost and Mrs Brittan will both support during maths lessons and Mrs Reynolds will provide additional support for identified children.

ENGLISH

There will be many opportunities for a wide variety of assessed writing as we prepare for SATs. During next half-term we will be covering units of all text types to ensure that children have a wide range of evidence and have a thorough understanding of each text type. Our focus will be on persuasion, explanation and play scripts. There will be many drama and writing opportunities based around Jungle Book throughout the curriculum and we will write our own Jungle Book script to perform at the Voyager end of term celebration. We will continue with regular taught grammar and spelling sessions and provide additional booster sessions for identified children. Additional reading for next half term includes:

- Shine – Kate Maryon
- Silver Sword – Ian Serraillier
- Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
- War Horse and Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo

Your child should be encouraged to read a wide variety of texts, including stories, non-fiction texts, magazines, comics, children's newspapers, internet web pages and poetry. We will also continue to have regular grammar and spelling sessions to further support children's writing progress and focus on SPAG (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation).

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT – Trips and assemblies

The Voyager performance will be the main focus of our assembly next half term in Year 6. The children will be writing their own script and performing in character. More details, particularly about costumes will be available during the first week back from half term.

HOME LEARNING

Weekly Maths and English key skills- homework will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Wednesday. This gives the children a full week to complete the homework sheets and return to school to be placed in their folder. I have also discussed with the class about the expectations of revision. All children should be revising for a maximum of one hour per week, which can be completed in short sessions throughout the week. Many children have discussed with me anything they are unsure of and I have given further explanations during break or lunch. I hope this continues for all children. Thank you for your support at this important time.

Maths and English key skills are expected to be completed each week at home and handed in on time by Wednesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time.

Please ensure that your child completes their home learning each week. This will prepare them for the demands of secondary school and the amount of homework and deadlines they will receive next year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

PE

Children will partake in two hours of PE each week, one indoor and one outdoor. Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please remind your child it is their responsibility to bring their full 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. If your child forgets their PE kit on the designated PE day, a letter will be sent home to inform you.

SNACKS AND MEALS

Your child is encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school for break but please can I remind you we are a nut free school. Key stage 2 classes have hot school meals available but these must be paid for in advance using our ParentPay system.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either myself or a member of the year 6 team at the start of the school day or by making an appointment via the school office. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child to ensure that it is a very successful final year at Norwood Primary School.

I hope you enjoy a well-deserved half term break and I look forward to working with your child to ensure they continue making further progress and excel in all areas of the curriculum. I know the children are all excited about our whole school theme and performing at the Voyager.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Class Teacher

Mrs Frost
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Mrs Locke
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Mrs Sprouse
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Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

