



# Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you are all feeling rested and ready for another busy term. In preparation for their SATs tests in May, we will be continuing a number of support and stretch booster groups within the normal school day and some after school groups. If your child has been invited to attend a group, they will already have been notified. We ask you to continue to support your child with their learning at home.

## **Routine**

At the start of the day, children will come into the classroom at **8.45 a.m.** Your child needs to be ready with everything they require for the day's learning including reading books and reading records.

## **English**

**Reading:** The children will continue to read their Accelerated Reader books in school and take quizzes. Each child will also choose a library book and we expect all children to read regularly at home. Please ensure their reading record book is signed by an adult.

**Literacy-led English curriculum:** At Great Heath Academy, our English curriculum is led by high-quality literacy texts. This term we will be studying the following books:



The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Whilst reading this text we will be writing in the first person through a series of recounts. We will also be focussing on the use of formal and informal language and the differences between explanation and information texts.



The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Through this text we will aim to develop narrative writing techniques to include integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action. We will focus on the genres of folktales and realistic fiction.



(Selected poems from) Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll

We will study and learn to recite selected poems from this classic text.

## **Maths**

We will continue to use White Rose Maths. The topics studied this term are: ratio, algebra, fractions, decimals and percentages, plus area, perimeter and volume and statistics.

## **Topics**

This term's topic is 'Frozen Kingdoms', which has a geography focus. Children will revisit their learning of geographical features of the Earth and learn about Arctic and Antarctic regions building on their understanding of climate zones. They will also research and describe the significant achievements of polar explorers.

We will also be looking at Art, Design and Technology and Science through various companion projects.

## **P.E.**

Our scheduled P.E. lessons are on a Monday and Tuesday. The PE units for this term are gymnastics and tag rugby. Children must bring their P.E. kit into school on a Monday and these will stay in school until Friday. Many P.E. lessons will be outside therefore the children can wear black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers, their green school P.E. T-shirt and school jumper. Please ensure all P.E. kits are **named**. **All** jewellery must be removed **at home** on these days.

## **Homework expectations**

As well as encouraging daily reading at home, weekly activities will be set from each of their CGP Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling, and Maths books.

In addition, it would benefit children to continue to regularly practise spelling words from the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 statutory spelling lists. Tasks are also set on Freckle and children can access this, TT Rockstars and Lexia at home.

## **Mobile phones**

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, these **MUST** be handed in at the office **prior to registration** and collected at the end of the day.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ashford and Mrs. Brown