



Year 6

Newsletter to parents

Spring Term 2017

Happy New Year!

Welcome back. We hope you had a wonderful festive break and that everyone is well rested and ready for an exciting start to the New Year. Be prepared for a busy term which will be full of creative activities and new challenges for the children.

Our topic this term is 'Around the World in 60 days'. The children will be developing a range of skills incorporating many subjects including Literacy, Geography, Science and ICT. We will be starting our journey around the globe by examining polar landscapes. Tasks will include using Microsoft Excel to manage data, exploring the phenomenon of the 'Northern Lights' and researching and creating our own pieces of travel writing. Later this term, we will be exploring other biomes such as rainforests and deserts - examining interdependence and how living creatures have adapted to each environment.



In March, we are also lucky to have the opportunity to be involved in the Bishop's Stortford Music Festival which will see Manor Fields children join with pupils from other local primary schools to perform at The Rhodes Centre on Tuesday, 21st March at 7.30pm. Further details will follow nearer to the event.

We will of course be continuing to prepare the children for their *Key Stage 2 SATs*. Just to remind you, these tests take place between *Monday 8th May and Friday 12th May for Literacy and Maths*. The children will be given tests in Reading Comprehension and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar for Literacy and in Arithmetic and Reasoning for Maths. More details about this will be explained during a SATS meeting for parents. The date for this will be announced shortly.

Practice tests in school will not begin in earnest until after half-term although the children's daily work is preparing them well. Thank you for continuing to encourage them to complete their homework tasks carefully and bring them into school on time. Listening to your child read and discussing their book with them is still very important in preparation for their reading comprehension test.

Should you wish to give your child any additional practice in the meantime you can pick up additional books at high street bookshops. We will be using past SATs papers from the last 5 years (2011 - 2013) so, if you wish to practice with your child, we would appreciate if you use papers prior to this date. These are readily available online. We administer

the practice papers in SATs conditions and children who have already had access to the test will not benefit from these sessions.

Reminders...

- **P.E. is on Tuesday afternoon and outdoor P.E. is on Friday. Children must have appropriate kit in school. This includes an extra pair of socks and a plastic bag for muddy trainers.**
- **It is important to continue reading with your child and to question them about the book to check they have understood their reading properly.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kanabahita, Mrs Sears & Mrs Cutmore