



Year 6 Newsletter

Term One

A warm welcome back to a new academic year! We hope that you had a great Summer and got to spend it having as much fun as possible, despite the weather! Last year we had a great time with our Year 6s and I am sure that this year will be no different. They have so much to look forward to and we know their final year at Standens Barn will be a brilliant one!

We will be continuing our topic-based theme for this year. This term our Year 6s will be studying our Invaders and Settlers topic which is a great topic to investigate. We will look at the historical side as well as the structure of the societies. We will also look at all the blood and gore which comes with this interesting topic! All the details of what we will be teaching is contained in this newsletter. Stay tuned too as we will be planning a meeting around our Grafham trip and what will be happening in Year 6 this year.

We are still continuing the use of our email address for any non-urgent correspondence. Of course, you can still call the school or speak to one of the staff on the gate for any pressing matters. The address is year6@standensbarn.org.uk Please just bear with us when awaiting a reply - we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Literacy

Reading is very important to us at Standens Barn. Each class will have a book they will read together on a regular basis with their class teacher. Children will also be given the opportunity to read regularly with an adult in school. We

cannot stress how important it is for children to read at home independently and with an adult where possible. The core text for our reading and writing will be Viking Boy. This is an exciting text all about Viking warriors and the Norse Gods. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts to gain a deeper understanding of this historical genre.

Maths:

This year we will be continuing to use a scheme of work called White Rose Maths. This is an excellent scheme that will ensure progression through the year groups is consistent. This term we will focus on place value and the four operations. Reasoning skills will also be explored and looked at during our lessons. We will also look at arithmetic skills including times tables. At home, it is important that the children continue to learn their times tables as this is a key factor in many areas of maths. Homework will be set through MyMaths with children being given access to this through their username and password.

Science

Often in science, the topic we are studying will not link to the main topic of the term. This will be the case in Term 1 as we study the Human Body. We look at the main organs and how diet and exercise impacts our life and health.

French

This term Year 6 will build on their previous knowledge of French grammar, applying it to the topic of the area they live in. There will be a specific focus on conversational French and giving opinions with justifications.

DT

This term we will be focusing on DT in our topic looking at the diets of the invaders we study. We will look at what makes a healthy diet which will link to the science they will study later in the year.

Computing

This year we are starting a new scheme of work in computing that is provided by the NCCE in conjunction with STEM. This will lead us to many exciting projects. We will start this term by looking at online safety before learning about how information is sent via the Internet.

History

As you would expect, history plays an important part of our topic this term. We will start by looking at timelines and how the Viking and Anglo-Saxon period fits into British history. We will research Viking and Anglo-Saxon society and discover how they came to live together from the 8th century and beyond. We will look at the changes in society and also find out how the Vikings and Saxons came to live and settle in this country.

PE:

6D will have PE this term on Wednesdays and the topic will be athletics followed by gymnastics. On Thursdays, 6C will be going swimming. A separate letter was sent earlier in the week regarding this.

Helping your child at home:

Children in Year 6 are expected to complete their weekly homework tasks to earn their golden time each week. This includes weekly spellings, reading at least twice and recording in their homework diaries and completing the maths work set for them. Homework is expected to be completed by the following days so that children can receive their full golden time.

Spellings: Our spelling tests are on Fridays with children receiving their new spellings the same day. A list of expected Year 6 spellings is also available.

Reading: Reading records are checked on Friday mornings. We encourage children to read with an adult where possible and discuss what has happened in the text. Children must read a minimum of twice a week and this should be recorded on Boomreader as per last year.

Maths: Maths homework will be set on Thursdays and is expected to be completed by the following Thursday. Times tables will always be tested on a Friday.

Important diary dates:

Meet and greet sessions (details to follow) Tuesday 26th and
Wednesday 27th September 3-4pm
Year 5/6 Cake Sale - Tuesday 2nd October 3.30pm
SATS United meeting - Monday 9th October 9am and 3.30pm
Grafham Water Centre meeting - Monday 16th October 3.30pm and
6pm

Halloween Disco - Thursday 19th October 6.30pm - 7.30pm
End of Term 1 - Friday 20th October
Parents Evening - Tuesday 21st November 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Parents Evening - Thursday 23rd November 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Santa Run - Friday 1st December
Christmas Disco - Thursday 7th December 6.30pm - 7.30pm

In addition to this, we will be running further trips. A trip to Drayton Manor will take place in early June and to the seaside at Hunstanton in late June. The combined cost of these trips will be around £30-£35 but further details will be sent in good time. We will also have a prom (provisional date Thursday 11th July) and a production (provisional dates Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July at 6pm).