



# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Term Five

Welcome back everybody. We hope that you have had a safe and enjoyable Easter break and that you are looking forward to the final two terms.

It was great to welcome the children back to school and we were pleased to see them back with so much enthusiasm. From speaking to the children, it was also great to hear that the children had lots of fun too whilst the weather was pleasant (all two days of it!).

Please remember that SATS week is the week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> May and lasts until the 16<sup>th</sup> May. There will be tests each day so please ensure that children are on time each day.

We look forward to continuing the foundation subjects too over the course of the next two terms. At Standens Barn we have a commitment to ensuring that children experience the whole curriculum. Keep an eye on your emails to see what we will be getting up to!

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Year 5/6 team. This can be done by emailing [year6@standensbarn.org.uk](mailto:year6@standensbarn.org.uk)

## **Literacy**

In preparation for the SATS tests, we will continue to focus on our revision of the different text types. This will include fiction and non-fiction as well as poetry. We will also look at the SPAG element of the tests. We will also look at preparing for Term 6 by starting to read Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. This is a great story about a boy who gets lost on a desert island!

## **Numeracy:**

This term mathematics, Year 6 will be focusing on arithmetic as well as continuing with the reasoning skills they have been learning throughout the year in their White Rose Maths lessons.

Again, this will involve revision. To help your children, there are a number of websites and books that the children can use to help such as BBC Bitesize. The booklets the children have received are also beneficial. In addition to this, there is still a requirement to keep on with the times tables practice. This is needed as so much of the maths work we do involves the use of them!

## **Science**

Our focus in science this term is going to be electricity. Not only do we look at electrical safety but we see how circuits are created and how volts provide the current that is needed for things to work. We will also investigate how the length of wire can affect the amount of current and how this is affected by resistance in materials. This will allow the children to understand the terms conductors and insulators in greater depth.

## **PSHE:**

This term year 6, along with the rest of the school, will be working through the topic of 'Being my Best'. This is a great opportunity to revisit our BEST and ensuring that we continue to instil the importance of being our BEST selves with all aspects of school and home life. They will be exploring into 5-20 years life plan and what will be required to achieve their goals and ambitions. They will discuss and identify what 'risk/' means and how they can look in various scenarios.

## **Computing:**

This term the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of using a computer to produce 3D models by using a piece of internet-based software called Tinkercad. Initially they will work in a 3D space, moving, resizing

and duplicating objects and by the end will plan, develop and evaluate their own 3D model of a building.

### **PE:**

This term we will be studying two outdoor activities: cricket and outdoor adventurous activities. In cricket, the children will focus on developing the skills of batting and catching. They will also learn how to bowl before applying the skills learnt to game situations and thinking about the tactical aspect of the sport. In OAA, the children will be given clues to work out and will then have to use navigation skills to solve them. This will certainly make them active!

### **History:**

This term year 6 will be exploring the History of the Kingdom of Benin. They will be looking at where this fits into the historical timeline in comparison to previous historical events and eras which they have previously studied during their time at Standens Barn. Children will be researching and identifying the key events that led to the rise and the fall of the Kingdom, identifying significant people that led to the downfall of Benin.

We do have lots of fun planned in Year 6 too so please make sure that you check on Arbor for payment dates for the trips that are upcoming. If you do have any issues then please let us know.