

Stag Class

It seems a bit late to wish everyone a “Happy New Year”, but I trust 2024 has started well for you and that it continues that way.

Our learning theme for this half term is “**Our world, our responsibility**” and the children will be looking into some of the challenges facing us and how these could be addressed. Many of the children share their ideas and concerns with honesty and eloquence – there will be lots of opportunities for them to express their opinions during this term’s theme!

In English, Year 6 we will start the term by looking at some well-known poems, beginning with “The Listeners” by Walter de la Mare. As well as reading the poems, the class will have opportunities to write their own **poetry**. Later on in the term, we will focus on **non-fiction writing** to link in with our work across the curriculum.

Another priority this year is to extend and deepen the children’s reading skills through engaging with more challenging texts, appropriate for Year 6 pupils. It is important that they are increasingly confident at understanding the vocabulary and nuances of a range of genres.

In Maths, we have three topics, each of which will last for approximately two weeks. These are **ratio**, **algebra** and **decimals**, the first two of which are only covered in the Year 6 curriculum. As always, these themes build on many of the concepts the children have learned previously.

We will continue to develop our oracy skills in maths, so the children have opportunities to improve their explaining and reasoning.

Links to Prior Learning

In Science this term, our theme will be “**Sound**”, where we will recap on prior learning about how sounds are made and how we hear them. After this, the children will be investigating aspects of the topic which interest them; they have come up with some very thought-provoking questions already!



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In French, we are learning vocabulary connected with sporting activities. In Computing, the children will be building their confidence at using spreadsheets. Stag class will be designing an environmentally-friendly house in DT, building models to show their ideas.

Once a week, Mrs Slingsby will be in Year 6 to teach RE, PHSE and Music.

Reminders: Please can your child bring their book and reading journal to school every day.

PE will now be on Wednesdays and we are asking the class to come to school in their PE kits – please could you help to ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform. A specialist Dance teacher is coming to The Pines to work with some of the children, including Stag class.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

Supporting your child at home:

Homework for the coming weeks will focus on some of the key learning to help the children in May’s SATs. The children should soon have their own workbooks and will be set certain sections / pages to complete each week.

Two of the most worthwhile things the children can do at home are to read regularly, preferably with a range of different texts, and practising times tables (Times Tables Rock Stars) to be as confident and familiar with these as possible.

Dates for your diary:

NSPCC Number Day – **Friday 2nd February**

Safer Internet Day – **Tuesday 6th February**

End of term – **Friday 16th February**