

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas. This letter provides information about the Spring Term in Year 6. Should you have any further queries, you are of course always welcome to book an appointment with your child's teacher through the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

8th January – Clubs start
30th January – Young Voices trip
9th February – Wear something Red with school uniform (Heart Month Fundraising)
9th February – End of Term 3
19th February – Start of Term 4
12 March – Year 6 Love to Dance Show @ the Stag Theatre
15th March – Open Afternoon (2.45pm)
15th March – Clubs End
19 & 21st March – Parents' Evening
20th March – Parliament trip
28th March – End of Term 4
15th April – Start of Term 5

Curriculum this term:

This list is not definitive, but it gives you a broad outline of the topics and units being taught during the Spring term. A full curriculum overview of the year can be found on the Year 6 section of the Amherst School website.

- **English:**
 - Macbeth (*Storyboarding/Playscript/Persuasive letter/Poetry*)
 - Ruckus animation (*creative action writing*)
 - Whole school book project
- **Maths:** Fractions/decimals/percentages, measurement, ratio and algebra
- **Science:** Light, Evolution and Inheritance
- **Topic:** Australia, Parliament
- **ICT:** Microbit
- **PE:** Indoor athletics, football or tag-rugby or hockey, handball
- **Music:** Young voices
- **Art:** Batik paintings
- **PSHE:** Determination

Homework

Maths: Your child should continue to complete two pages of their MA book each week. Please encourage them to complete all corrections before starting a new test. If your child is struggling with specific questions, please feel free to help them at home with their corrections or encourage them to ask an adult if they would like further support at school. MA books are given out on Wednesdays and due in the following Monday.

English: English homework will continue to be set each Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. This will usually be related to our classwork in school but may occasionally differ. Please continue to encourage your child to use a blue handwriting pen for any written work and that they should be presenting all homework neatly and to the best of their ability.

Spellings: Your child will continue to bring home 10 weekly spellings as well as 5 challenge words to learn. These words will continue to be a variety of words including those related to the spelling rules learnt at school, topic-based words, high frequency spellings and those from the statutory Year 6 spelling list. We will continue to test the children on a Wednesday. Children should spend at least 30 minutes learning their spellings each week (we encourage little and often!) and should be achieving at least 9/10 in their weekly tests.

Reading: The children should be reading as frequently as possible at home as this will have a positive impact on their comprehension and writing skills as well as promoting an enjoyment of reading. The children must record their reading in their planner and hand it in on a Friday. Please could you check your child's reading and sign their planner weekly. In school, reading activities will include whole class stories, group reading and individual reading. Recommended reading lists are available on the school website, in our classroom book corners and we are always willing to share our own suggestions as class teachers!

School Equipment

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment in school, including a 30cm ruler, a protractor, scissors, spare glue sticks and black dry wipe pens, and that these are replenished throughout the term.

Games and PE

Children should keep their PE kit at school during each half term; however, we are aware they might need to take some items home each week for use outside of school e.g. football boots. We will continue to do Games lessons throughout the year and therefore you are welcome to send your child in with hats, gloves or additional layers if the weather is particularly cold. **Please ensure they have their PE kit at school every day and that all items are named.**

6B

Indoor PE (Athletics) - Tuesday
Games (Football) - Friday

6A

Indoor PE (Athletics) - Monday
Games (Tag-rugby) - Friday

6W

Indoor PE (athletics) - Monday
Games (Hockey) - Friday

Please note children are required to have shin pads and a gum shield for hockey lessons.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Barratt

Miss Apps

Miss Watson