

Year 5 & 6 Spring Term newsletter 2017

Dear parent or guardian

We just wanted to share a few notices with you for the Spring term.

Spelling

We have begun using a new method of teaching spelling in KS2 which focuses on learning spelling patterns and rules rather than individual words. Therefore the children will be doing spelling tests but these will follow on from work done in lessons rather than word lists sent home. However, last week we also sent out a list of spelling words which Y5/6 children are expected to know by heart, so learning and practising words from this list would be a good way of assisting your child's spelling ability.

Isle of Wight residential

The first parent's meeting for the Isle of Wight residential will take place **at 7.00pm on Monday 13th March** in the old hall. We will run through the itinerary of the trip and give you more information on what the children will be doing. There will be a second meeting nearer to the date of the trip.

SATs and revision

In the week from Monday 8th May in the Summer term the Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. It would be great if you could support your child as much as possible with the work we are doing, and a good way of doing this is to use the Rising Stars books. The following books are great for giving children practise in reading, SPAG and Numeracy tests. The "Achieve 100" range is the expected level, and the "Achieve 100+" range has a higher level of questions. *Please ask us if you are not sure which level book is right for your child.* These are available from sellers such as Amazon.

Achieve 100 Maths Practice Questions (Achieve 100 Practice Questions) 	Achieve 100 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Practice Questions (Achieve 100 Practice Questions) 	Achieve 100 Reading Practice Questions (Achieve 100 Practice Questions) 
Achieve 100+ Maths Practice Questions (Achieve 100 PLUS Practice Questions) 	Achieve 100+ Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Practice Questions (Achieve 100 PLUS Practice Questions) 	Achieve 100+ Reading Practice Questions (Achieve 100 PLUS Practice Questions) 

Also on the Y5/6 section of the school website is a useful glossary of the terms that will be used in the Y6 SPAG test.

WE Citizenship visit

Mrs Greswell is in the process of organising a visit from the WE Organisation to run a citizenship day with 30 Y5/6 children. More details of this are in the letter which has been sent out.

Booster groups

In addition, to help with revision for the SATs in May, we will soon be running a series of booster groups for reading, SPAG and Mathematics. These will take place mostly at lunchtimes for selected children who we think will benefit from some extra support to reach the standard we think they are capable of. Your child will be informed if they have been selected for one of these groups.

We hope you found the information above useful.