

PLEASE SUPPORT US

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please telephone us (01384 818730) on the first day of absence, before 9.30am, or alternatively email us on info@cotwall.dudley.sch.uk.
- Please ensure your child is in school by 8.50am to ensure a prompt start to the school day. We open the doors at 8.40am to receive children. The school day finishes at 3.20pm so please make sure you are already at school at that time to collect your child promptly.
- Holiday forms MUST be completed if you are taking your child out of school. These are available from the School Office or the school website (www.cotwall.dudley.sch.uk). All holiday taken during term time is now recorded as unauthorised.
- Please make sure you advise the School Office of any changes of address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc.
- All children are encouraged to bring water bottles to school with them each day.

IMPORTANT DATES

School Nurse	10th January and 7th March, 8.30am
Attendance Officer, Mrs Spittle, in school to discuss attendance	10th Jan, 24th Jan, 7th Feb, 28th Feb, 14th March, 28th March,
School Disco	8th February
Book Fair week	13-16th February
Parents' evening, whole school	15th February, 3.30-5.00pm
Parents' evening, whole school	16th February, 3.30pm-5.50pm (new time) 6.15pm-8.00pm (new time)
Red Nose Day	24th March
Parent workshop - Easter theme	w/c 3rd April (whole school)

Spring Term - 2017

Starts: 3rd January 2017
Inset day: 17th February 2017
Half term: 20th-24th February 2017
Spring term ends: 7th April 2017

Summer Term - 2017

Starts: 24th April 2017
May Day: 1st May 2017
Election: 4th May 2017 (*school closed*)
Half term: 29th May - 2nd June 2017
Summer term ends: 21st July 2017
Inset day: 24th July 2017
Inset day: 25th July 2017

YEAR 6 Cotwall End Primary School Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2017



Mrs Mitchell

Miss Lavender

Miss Mason

Welcome to the Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter. This newsletter gives an overview of the content and skills covered in each subject during our programme of study for the Spring term. Our minds and efforts are firmly fixed on preparing as thoroughly as possible for the SATs in May but we also aim to keep some breadth and variety within our curriculum. Real life does not stop just because SATs are close! However, PLEASE make sure your child is in school - even small absences can create large gaps in learning and understanding.

MATHS

During the term, linked with our revision programme, we aim to address all main topic areas, such as shape, measures, money, time, fractions, percentages and data handling. The four rules of number and the skills of problem-solving will be constantly addressed within each topic. There is also an added emphasis for pupils to apply their knowledge to SATs questions both in school and as homework. A great help this term would be to practise basic times tables and mental arithmetic methods for $+$ $-$ \times \div because speed is important in the new style SATs.



SCIENCE

As you may already know, there will be no formal SATs Science tests in May 2017. However, we are going ahead with our usual programme of studies which aim to cover the whole of the Science curriculum. This is necessary, we feel, to strengthen your child's overall Scientific knowledge in preparation for secondary school and to enable us to give an accurate teacher assessment. We will test and assess in class to monitor progress throughout the term.



ENGLISH

In preparation for the SATs in May, we will be working hard on spellings, punctuation and grammar, as well as improving your child's comprehension skills. Please read with your child as often as is possible, to ensure that they can read and understand a range of vocabulary, and please ask them questions about the text and their opinions - Why? How? Where? questions. In response, your child needs to be using evidence from the text - not just retelling events. We will also be writing in a range of styles in order for us to teacher assess your child at the end of the year.



HISTORY

Our History topic in the first half term will be "A History of Leisure", from the Norman Conquest to the 20th Century. We will be focussing on historical skills: change over time, comparing a social aspect of history, and using primary and secondary resources. The children will be asked to do a home project, researching a different social aspect for these historical periods.

COMPUTING

We will continue developing our skills with coding and programming. We will be using the software packages Scratch and Blippit to create games and apps.



ART

We will be learning how to draw portraits and use a range of media such as oil pastels, chalks, paints and collage. As well as this we will study portrait painting by a range of different artists.

PSHE

This term, the children will be learning about the wider world and Fair Trade, health and well being, including the effects and misuse of alcohol and drugs.

FRENCH

Our French studies during the term will focus on developing the pupils' ability to talk about themselves and their environment. We will also develop their understanding of grammar rules to help them construct spoken sentences.



RE

In RE this term the children will be thinking about why Jews celebrate the Sabbath, and why Jesus is called the "Saviour".

PE

In PE during the first half term, the children will be taught dance. During the second half, the children will be taught the skills of badminton and take part in competitive matches.

REMINDER

We are aware what a busy term this is for everyone. To help your child please look at the homework given - it will link to core skills your child needs to work on, or with skills covered during the week. Be assured that at school we are working hard to prepare thoroughly for SATs, to enable each child to achieve their best, but we are also trying to keep a balance, as life does exist beyond SATs preparation. We are trying to balance revision with other curriculum areas.