

YEAR 6

Spring Term 2016

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Happy New Year!



Welcome back! It's been a hectic start to the new Spring term - with the launch of the Marvellous Me app, and getting straight back into life in Year 6.

ENGLISH & CONTEXT

We are again linking English with Context focusing on the novel by Anthony Horowitz, *Alex Rider Mission 1: Stormbreaker*.

The Context title is *Tomorrow's World*, and will thrust the children into a very exciting world, full of technology, gadgets and espionage activities. The children will be given the opportunity to create their own characters and insert them into a dramatic and exciting story. Tricky spellings will be a daily focus, please keep encouraging your child to practice at home. The spellings are found in your child's reading record and Spell Zoo can be accessed via the Year 6 page on our school website.

Our afternoons have changed - SATS are approaching and we need to focus more on Reading and Writing. We have structured the afternoons so that teachers are able to work with every single child, three times a week, in a very small group to promote test skills and understanding.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents in to a SATS meeting where we can give more information and answer any queries you may have. We have organised two meetings, one at **2.30pm** and a later meeting at **5pm**, both on **Wednesday 10th February 2016**. For forward planning, this year SATS are scheduled for the week beginning **9th May 2016**.

MATHS

We continue to work within our small groups, looking at fractions, statistics, ratio and geometry. In this half term 12 children will work with Graeme Forster, who will run a booster session every Friday morning at 8.30am. This scheme will be extended into Spring term 2, with a further 12 children. During these sessions, the children will look at strategies and apply them to real life challenges and problems. For the children not selected, they will be invited to work in small groups to support understanding leading up to the SATS tests.

SCIENCE AND COMPUTING

During this term, the children will work with a scientist to investigate aspects of electricity. The children will also be learning about inheritance and DNA. In Computing, the children are creating their own web page! They can access their work at home, to enhance their page, if they wish.

I'm sure you will agree that whilst we are creating an exciting learning environment, we are pushing and challenging every child to achieve their best before they leave Y6. Please keep encouraging your child at home too, it really does matter! Thank you.