

# Spring Term 1 2023



A VIEW OF MT FUJI

## Year Six Newsletter Spring Term 1

TOPIC: JAPAN

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great break and are looking forward to 2023!

### Reading

By this point in Year 6, children need to be reading for approximately half an hour every evening. Please ensure that you sign your child's reading diary when they have read at home, so that they can earn school rewards but also so that they can continue to make progress with their learning. If they can only read for 5 minutes at home on one particular day, this is better than not at all! They can read anything they choose – school book, home book, library book, a newspaper, anything! Please remember that the more variety, the better!

### School Journey payments this half term

Please pay £25 online or directly to the office on or before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The next payment of £25 will be due after half term, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please let the office know if you are struggling with payments.

### Homework

Please continue to complete the assigned pages in your Maths, Reading and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) 'Rising Stars' workbooks. This homework is compulsory and is due in every Wednesday. We are no longer sending out spelling homework sheets but these have been uploaded to Google Classroom if you would like to see which spelling rules we are learning in class.

### Trips

We will be visiting Dulwich Picture Gallery on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. This is for a poetry workshop!

Our sessions are as follows:

**Session 1:** 6CB & half of 6MS\* 10:00-11:30

**Session 2:** 6AC & half of 6MS\* 12:45-2:15

If you are available to come on this trip with us, please call or email the office to let us know. Please ask Miss Starnes if you would like to accompany 6MS and would like to know which session to join! \*

We will also be taking part in the Southwark Junior Citizenship scheme at Old Kent Rd Fire Station in the afternoon of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. This will help your children to think about safety when travelling in preparation for secondary school. We haven't sent out the letter for this trip yet, but please do get in touch if you are available to join us for this trip too!

### Japan Day!

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, we will be making a Japanese dish, creating art work inspired by cherry blossom and completing various chopstick challenges! Please let us know if you are available to help us.

#### Topic - Japan

##### English

Our writing will focus on the following texts:

- Origami Yoda.
- The Boy in the Tower.

We will also write poems about Japanese cherry blossom!

##### Maths

Decimals, percentages, algebra, measurement, ratio and  $\times$   $+$   $-$   $\div$

##### Science

Electricity

##### RE

What qualities are important to present day religious leaders?

##### PSHE

Racism and its consequences; valuing neurodiversity

##### Computing

Programming: variables in games

##### Languages

Spanish

#### Daily timetable:

9:10–9:35 Reading  
9:35–10:35 English  
10:35–10:45 Spelling  
11:00–12:15 Maths  
12:15–12:30 Assembly  
1:30–2:30 & 2:30–3:30 Topic/Science/Spanish/ Computing/P.E/PSHE/R.E

**PE Days for this half term:** 6MS - Tuesday & Wednesday; 6AC - Tuesday & Thursday; 6CB - Monday & Friday

**Nature Garden:** Wednesday afternoons

#### Dates for the diary:

**Every Wednesday** - Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG) homework due

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – School Journey payments of £25 due

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Dulwich Picture Gallery trip

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – SATs workshop, 9.15am

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Southwark Junior Citizenship scheme trip

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Japan Day! (taking place in Year 6 classrooms)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Optional Topic homework due.

*Don't forget to check the website and whole school newsletter for updates!*

Many thanks for your continued support.

*Year 6 team (Lizzie Clarke, Sheryl Burton, Alison Clark and Mandy Starnes)*