

Spring 2 2018

Reading: Reading will be a vital skill for all subjects at secondary school so please encourage your child to read widely; to do at least 35 minutes per day and to complete their reading diary with book names and daily reading. This is good preparation for the expectations of completing their secondary planner in September. **Home/School books** – Please continue to use Home /School diaries to record independent reading, multiplication tables, spellings and house points; and sign the diary at the end of each week so that we know you have been kept up to date.



Diary Dates:

27th & 28th March – Parents Evenings

29th March – Last day of Spring 2 term

Y6 Blog: Through Wellow School website or <https://sixapples.wordpress.com/>

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Revision term

Year 6 Curriculum News

History: Maya mystery– This term we will finish our study on key aspects of Maya civilisation and draw our own conclusions



about what happened to the Maya. **Art:** Having designed our Maya inspired masks and will now create them using plaster of paris. **Science:** This term we will complete our topic of **Animals, including humans** - We have studied the human circulatory system and this term we will focus on identifying and explaining the function of the organs of the human gaseous exchange system (lungs, nose, throat, breathing). We will revisit the digestive system and compare human and animal systems.

English and Maths : We will continue to prepare for the SAT tests in the week beginning 14th May; there will be lots of opportunities for small group work with Miss Armstrong, Mrs Hall and other teachers. The main focus in English this term is on how authors use language to create description and atmosphere. This will inform our own narrative writing to develop description of settings, character and atmosphere. Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar remain in focus as we make sure we know the terms and can recognise and provide examples. When reading and writing with your child, please draw attention to spelling rules and continue to practise the Y3 & Y4 and Y5 & Y6 spellings (available on the blog and in homework books). In maths we will continue to learn the Y6 curriculum whilst revising all areas. We will develop skills for taking SATs with practise papers; this will guide individual and small group learning . Please keep practising mental maths with your child for speed and recall of facts, so necessary for developing more efficient written methods. **Homework:** Please encourage your children to read for at least 35 minutes daily and to practise daily mental maths for quick recall of: square numbers, prime numbers, factors and multiples including multiplication tables; conversion of measures. Maths homework will be set weekly to support class work. Children have logons in their diaries to practise Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar using the website www.spag.com

PSHE: Taking Responsibility For My Own Safety– we will continue the work on this unit which leads into **Rights, Responsibilities and the Law**. One of the goals of this unit is to establish the importance of pupils having a positive and active role in the community. The children will be taught why and how rules and laws are made and enforced, and how to take part in making and changing rules beyond school.