

# Mandeville Primary School

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## OSPREYS NEWS

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest newsletter just for Year 6!

### In the next few weeks...

I hope everyone had a good break over the half term holidays. The children undertook assessment in maths and literacy just before half term and this has given us a very clear idea of exactly what we need to do to ensure they all do as well as they possibly can in their SATs. Those children that are making the most progress are those who are practicing all of the writing and maths skills in every area of the curriculum and in their homework. I have been especially impressed with Tasnim, Jackira, Farris and Samantha's homework.

**P.E.** is on Mondays and Fridays. PLEASE make sure your children have their PE kits in school everyday, including plimsolls or trainers. **Children must be wearing a school P.E. kit or navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and blue t-shirt.** No earrings for PE please.

**Good attendance** is VITAL. Every day off school is a day of lost learning and we are rapidly heading towards SATs, which take place in May.

**Breakfast Club** is open from 8am to 8.50am every day (£1.50 per day). A healthy breakfast makes a huge difference to your child's learning.

In literacy we will be revising non-fiction and fiction writing.

#### **My Literacy targets are:**

In maths we will be working on mental maths skills and problem solving.

#### **My Maths targets are:**

Over the next 6 weeks, those of us in year 6 will be working on a topic called

## “What Price Progress”

In **History** we'll be finding out about

- Finding out about technical innovations which changed society
- Finding out about different ideas and beliefs about society and nature
- Finding out about famous people whose ideas caused social change

In **Art** we'll be finding out about

- Finding out about the responses of artists to technological progress in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- Using paintings to gather information about society and technological progress through history
- Painting and producing our own pictures and collages

In **ICT** we'll be finding out about

- Surveying how much of an impact ICT has on our lifestyles
- Finding out how much ICT impacted on our parents' childhoods
- Using ICT for research and communication

In **Technology** we'll be finding out about

- Finding out about technical innovations which changed society
- Finding out about different ideas and beliefs about society and nature
- Finding out about famous people whose ideas caused social change

In **Science** we'll be finding out about

- Planning, carrying out and evaluating experiments
- How we see things
- Forces including gravity and upthrust

**Miss Lees says...**

It's going to be a very busy half term as we have lots of work to do to prepare the children for their SATs. We'll be working very hard at school and it is vital that the children are ready to learn every day. A good night sleep, a proper breakfast and a clear mind will help the children to be ready for everything they'll be doing at school. Homework is also extremely important as it will allow the children to practice and apply the learning they are doing during the day. It will also help them become independent learners and take responsibility for their own development.

**Please feel welcome to come and have a look in our classroom whenever you like! If you have any free time and can help in the class we'd love to see you. I am always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!**

**Katie Lees**